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## FIFTH ITALIAN RESIGNATION IN FOUR WEEKS: CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF RELIEVED OF POST: WHO WILL BE NEXT?

### LAVAL TO PAY FOR PEACE

#### FRENCH FLEET AS PRICE

BELGRADE, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Annexation by Germany of Alsace-Lorraine and the use of the French Fleet is the price which Herr Hitler is going to ask M. Laval to pay for peace, according to reliable information reaching Belgrade.

It is believed that when M. Laval visits Berlin he will be asked to agree to a peace treaty under which the only territorial concession required of France will be Alsace-Lorraine.

Nothing whatever will be demanded on behalf of Italy.

#### OSTENSIBLE REASON

France's colonial empire will remain intact, including Nice, Corsica and Tunis—the ostensible reason for Italy's entry into the war.

It is stated that Herr Hitler will promise M. Laval that the German army will evacuate France, except the Channel ports from where Germany will continue her attack on England.

Even this territory, however, will be placed under French administration.

## China To Raise \$135 Million From Taxes

CHUNGKING, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—By direct taxation, the Administration hopes to collect \$135,000,000 next year from income, profit, stamp, and inheritance taxes, while land tax is expected to yield at least \$200,000,000.

This year's revenue up to Nov. 28 includes \$43,900,000 of income tax, \$37,000,000 of profit tax, \$37,000,000 of stamp tax, \$4,700,000 of inheritance tax which was introduced on July 1, yielded \$2,700.

Next year, the land tax will be paid partly in kind to facilitate the building up of a Government-owned food reserve for the army and general public. The Provincial authorities have been ordered to start collecting land tax on Jan. 1.

## Today's War Summary

THE CHIEF OF THE ITALIAN NAVAL STAFF HAS BEEN RELIEVED of his post at his own request making this the fifth resignation within four weeks. Admiral Riccardi has been appointed to succeed Admiral Cavaneri. These resignations are said to be military disapproval for the Greek campaign.

THE BRITISH AUXILIARY MERCHANT CRUISER, CARNARVON CASTLE, has docked at Montevideo for repairs. Thousands on the waterfront cheered the liner on arrival and she was listing slightly. The captain declared that the officers and men acquitted themselves valiantly and scored a victory though they were unable to catch the German raider.

THE ITALIANS ARE STILL RETREATING ALL ALONG THE SOUTHERN front in Albania. Documents found by the Greeks in their advance into Albania have proved the extent of the premeditation of the Italian attack on Greece.

ANNEXATION BY GERMANY OF ALSACE-LORRAINE AND THE USE of the French Fleet is the price which Hitler is going to ask M. Laval to pay for peace according to reliable information reaching Belgrade.

THERE WAS NO ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY OVER ENGLAND ON SATURDAY night. On the other hand, Royal Air Force bombers successfully attacked targets in Germany and ports in enemy occupied territory.

THE CLOSING OF THE FRENCH INDO-CHINA FRONTIER to all passenger traffic, both foreign and Chinese, has been ordered by the Chinese Government authorities.

CUSTOMS SEARCHERS IN SHANGHAI MADE A SWOOP DOWN on a Butterfield & Swire steamer which resulted in one of the biggest hauls of smuggled gold—55 bars valued at \$320,000—in recent years.

## Military Disapproval For Greek Campaign

Yet another resignation in Italy was announced yesterday in a message from London—this is the Chief of the Italian Naval Staff and Under-Secretary for the Navy—ADMIRAL CAVANERI, who, according to a message from Rome, was relieved of his post at his own request. This is the fifth resignation within four weeks and speculation is rife as to who will resign next.

Admiral Cavaneri headed the Italian delegation which negotiated for the French Armistice.

The British Press is of the opinion that these resignations show military disapproval for the Greek campaign, that the whole affair was ill-timed and ill-conducted and that the Italian military and naval chiefs want to throw the whole responsibility for it on Signor Mussolini.

### MR. CYRIL LAKIN

## Ordinary Italian People Must Be Disillusioned: Things Gone Wrong With War

"There must be crisis written on the faces of everyone in Italy today," said MR. CYRIL LAKIN, commentator of political developments, when he spoke in London yesterday on the latest news from Italy regarding the resignation of the Italian Naval Chief of Staff and Under-Secretary for the Navy.

Mr. Lakin declared that the ordinary people in Italy must be feeling disillusioned now and convinced that things had gone wrong with this war. "They must know now that the Italian army and navy are in a precarious situation and that the whole campaign had become a disaster."

"Actually, the military situation in Albania is daily becoming more and more desperate for the Italian forces," said Mr. Lakin. "This morning the Italians were retreating almost along the whole front and in the extreme south their retreat must be chaotic. Delvino has been captured and in the north the Greek forces are nearing Elbasan."

#### WILL HAVE PORT

"This means that the lateral road is menaced and that the Italians can no longer switch their forces from one flank to another. It means also that the Greeks will soon have a port on the Adriatic."

"And while the R. A. F. are hammering at Italy, with the Greeks."

President Roosevelt takes this opportunity to assure King George of Greece of every kind of assistance to the Greeks.

"Am I painting too black a picture of Signor Mussolini's plight?" asked Mr. Lakin. "I don't think so. We are not counting our chickens before they are hatched because the Italians may still put up an obstinate resistance on land. But you cannot help seeing that the Greek successes have become the turning point of the war."

"I wonder what Herr Hitler is thinking," continued Mr. Lakin. "Signor Mussolini's setback, added to his own diplomatic setback cannot have added to his discomfort. To the Germans the Greek war has become more and more a thorn in their flesh. It is discrediting the Axis in the eyes of the world and has stiffened the attitude of the Balkan countries and even Bulgaria is not so anxious now to jump the Axis way."

"What can Herr Hitler do about it? To attack the Greeks on land would be a dangerous venture and would set the Balkans ablaze, and involve Turkey."

"But Signor Mussolini is in a fix and still Herr Hitler hesitates to rush to his aid. Italy though hard pressed would sooner do without his aid in order to keep their own prestige."

#### DONE NOTHING

"There is something to be said for this interpretation, because the fact that Germany has so far done nothing to help Italy is not because she won't but that she cannot. Herr Hitler himself may be so hard pressed that he is simply unable to lend Italy the assistance she needs."

"So Herr Hitler is now racking his brains to find another way out. He is even finding trouble in bringing about peace between Italy and Greece and German propaganda has already started working in that direction."

"But what England is going to do is to go on striking harder than ever at Italy until she breaks and the Greeks will not stop at any half measures while they are on the road to victory."

Adm. Cavaneri, says Reuter, has been succeeded by ADM. RICCARDI who has already been entrusted with important commands. Before the outbreak of the war in the summer of 1939 he commanded an Italian squadron of 30 ships which carried out a fortnight's exercises off the Portuguese, Spanish and Moroccan coasts.

Adm. Riccardi will be assisted by Signor Inigo Campione. Signor Angelel Jachino has been appointed Naval Commander of the Fleet.

The Greeks are reported to be greatly cheered by this latest news and are heartened too by President Roosevelt's promise of every assistance.

A London message referring to the fighting in Albania, states that the capture of Delvino marks a further step forward of the advance of the Greek army. The Greeks are now in full command of the offensive along the whole of the front and have obtained complete mastery of the road from Santi Quaranta to Koritza.

On the northern front, heavy rain and fog failed to stop the Greek advance and their troops have begun to penetrate into the upper valleys of Albania and are sweeping on in a wide movement to the coast.

In the meantime, President Roosevelt's message promising help for Greece was received with great satisfaction in Athens and an official announcement was expected to be made later.

#### FIRST CLASS IMPORTANCE

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Marshal Badoglio's resignation or removal—whichever it may be—is an event of first class importance.

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## Britain Has No Raids In 24 Hours

### HEAVY ATTACKS BY R.A.F. OVER GERMANY

It is now almost twenty-four hours since German planes have been over Britain, stated a London message. Nothing, however, has stopped the Royal Air Force from carrying out heavy raids against enemy targets.

British bombers again carried out heavy and sustained attacks on industrial and military targets in the Dusseldorf area, while other targets included centres in Antwerp, Dunkirk, Calais, and Boulogne. Aerodromes in Holland, Belgium and France were also reported to have been attacked by the R. A. F.

#### DUSSELDORF BLAZE

The raids on the Dusseldorf area were particularly heavy and steel works, gas works and fuel depots were stated to have been attacked. The largest fire ever seen was left blazing by the British airmen in Dusseldorf.

The last enemy raid on Britain was in Yarmouth, since then not a single German plane has crossed the British coast.

The weather report yesterday stated: "The sun is shining brightly in a cloudless blue sky over the Straits of Dover. The sea is calm, with a cold north-west wind."

## JUMBLING OF GERMAN POLICY IN FAR EAST

### Ingenious Method Employed To Explain Failure To Recognise Wang Regime

THE JUMBLING OF GERMAN POLICY IN THE FAR EAST is revealed in the ingenious German effort to explain Germany's failure to recognise Wang Ching-wei's regime, states a message from London.

It is clear now that Germany intends to use the recognition of Wang as a bargaining counter with Japan for more active methods against Britain in the Far East. Thus, Germany's role as trouble-maker has even spread to the Far East.

The great factor in Far East developments will be Russia, who, according to a message from Moscow, quoted in the London message, is preparing to meet any emergency.

At a military conference held in Moscow, the head of the political section stated that, in view of the international situation, the Red Army must be prepared to defend the motherland.

In the meantime, Germany's diplomatic campaign, which was intended to bring most of Europe under the "New Order," has come to a standstill and even German propaganda seems to have lost its bearings, states the London message.

#### OLD STORY

German broadcasts have now had to fall back on the old, old story of Britain being unable to stand up to German air attacks and to U-boat attacks on shipping. This has been the burden of countless broadcasts from stations under German control.

This propaganda campaign is intended as a stop-gap, because the Germans have nothing to say about their diplomatic policy in Europe or their partner's military failure in Albania.

Germany's diplomacy has now fallen back to France again as shown in the announcement that

## ROOSEVELT PLEDGES U.S. AID TO GREECE

### Hard, Unequal Struggle Country Engaged In

WASHINGTON, DEC. 8 (REUTER).—PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT PLEDGED AMERICAN AID TO GREECE IN AN EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES WITH KING GEORGE II.

President Roosevelt's pledge was given in answer to a message from King George thanking him for the American aid already received.

The President's message says: "As your Majesty knows it is the settled policy of the United States Government to extend aid to those Governments and peoples who defend themselves against aggression. I assure your Majesty that steps are being taken to extend such aid to Greece, which is defending herself so valiantly."

In his message to Mr. Roosevelt, King George declared, "This war in which my country is engaged is a hard and unequal struggle forced upon it by an enemy whose actions are motivated by cruelty and violence. I am deeply moved by the warm sympathy and keen interest manifested by the great nation whose destinies you guide."

#### MARCH FORWARD

"Americans are aware that the Greek nation is again fighting for the principles of justice, truth, and liberty, without which life is inconceivable. I wish to assure you that with the help of the Almighty we will march forward until our

sacrifice is crowned with success. All moral and material assistance will strengthen the heroic Greek army and will bring us near to victory."

#### NOT SPECIFIED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt's message to King George did not specify what kind of help is to be given to Greece, but mentioned that the Red Cross had already sent substantial funds and supplies. "It is known, however, that officials in Washington are studying the question as to what her military supplies could be spared without reducing Britain's share."

#### ONLY PLANES

A Legation official specified only planes in discussing with reporters what type of aid might be forthcoming. He emphasised, however, that Greece had been given an opportunity to purchase whatever available war supplies she needed. "It was learned in other quarters that the Greeks are chiefly anxious to buy materials that are immediately available."

#### "ANY KIND"

The United States has offered to Greece "any kind of help she wants, including war planes," declared a Greek Legation official yesterday.

#### GENERALLY APPROVED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt's message to Greece, announcing aid for Greece is generally approved in the capital.

## Macao Sweep Results

The following are the results of the Cash Sweep at the Macao Race meeting yesterday—

#### RACE 1

No. 65 ..... \$247.00  
No. 421 ..... 70.80  
No. 197 ..... 35.30  
Ticket Nos. 172, 423, 126 and 238 get \$7.80 each.

#### RACE 2

No. 240 ..... \$250.50  
No. 173 ..... 74.10  
No. 469 ..... 37.10  
Ticket Nos. 25 and 212 get \$20.00 each.

#### RACE 3

No. 80 ..... \$291.10  
No. 197 ..... 83.10  
No. 159 ..... 41.80  
Ticket Nos. 4 and 140 get \$23.10 each.

#### RACE 4

No. 168 ..... \$204.40  
No. 222 ..... 58.40  
No. 194 ..... 29.20  
Ticket No. 435 gets \$32.40.

#### RACE 5

No. 18379 ..... \$8,674.43  
No. 1224 ..... 2,478.40  
No. 4208 ..... 1,139.20  
Ticket Nos. 21087, 19739, 18336, 1743, 9109, 22881, 11306, 18376, 10013, 13016 and 5244 get \$125.17 each.

#### RACE 6

No. 75 ..... \$294.90  
No. 17 ..... 83.90  
No. 349 ..... 42.00  
Ticket No. 117 gets \$23.30.

#### KOWLOON FIRE

A small outbreak of fire occurred at the "White King" Hotel, No. 83 Wooding Street, Yau-mat, at 12.30 o'clock this morning. It is believed to have been caused by the fusing of old electric wires. Two appliances were dispatched to the scene but the fire was already out before their arrival.



# In the World of Sports

## SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL:

### KWONG WAH REGISTER FIRST LEAGUE WIN AGAINST CLUB

PLAYING IN AID OF THE HONGKONG REFUGEE AND SOCIAL WELFARE COUNCIL, and under the distinguished patronage of H.E. Major-General A. E. Grasett, Kwong Wah registered their first victory of the season at the expense of Club by the odd goal in seven at Boundary Street on Saturday.

Kwong Wah thoroughly deserved their first brace of points as most part of the game Club dominated the exchanges and were, in fact, a goal down at lemon time.

The electricians, whose forwards showed better combination, opened the account when, from Cheuk Shek-kam's centre, Chin Chi-fun netted. After some even exchanges Club equalised through Fowler, who was the only Club forward to look really dangerous.

Club then put on pressure and Fowler, receiving a beautiful pass from Bickford, put Club into the lead with a first time that had Lee beaten all the way.

#### CHINESE TAKE INITIATIVE

After the breather Kwong Wah appeared to have the full measure of Club's kick-and-rush methods and a change in the trend of play was noticed. During the whole of this half the initiative lay wholly with the Chinese who jumped into the lead with two quick goals by Cheuk Shek-kam and Chin Chi-fun.

The Club's defence underwent a trying time and Strange and Eardley were time and again called upon to relieve the initiation and it was due mainly to them Club did not go down by a bigger margin.

## ADVERTISEMENT

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 14th December, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The first Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

#### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m. Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Telephone 21920).

#### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 9th December, 1940.

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## K.O.Y.L.I. CUP POLO

### One-Sided Win For H.K.S.R.A. "A"

H.K.S.R.A. "A" beat H.K.S.R.A. "B" by 12 goals to 2 in a very one-sided K.O.Y.L.I. Polo Cup Final at Boundary Street on Saturday.

Major Penfold (2), Major Wilson (5) and Lieut. Smith (5) scored for the winners, and Major Fisher scored both the "B" team goals.

The teams were:—  
H.K.S.R.A. "A": Lieut. L. Feilden (No. 4), Major R. Penfold (No. 3), Major W. Wilson (No. 2) and Lieut. B. R. Smith (No. 1).

H.K.S.R.A. "B": Capt. H. Duncan (No. 4), Major C. Fisher (No. 3), Capt. J. Monro (No. 2) and Capt. A. Atkinson (No. 1).

The Final was preceded by a "Subsidiary Cup" game in which Fixed Defences beat Middlesex Regiment by four clear goals. Major Hunt (2), Col. Way and Capt. Forrester were the scorers.

The teams were:—  
Fixed Defences: Major W. Morgan (No. 4), Major E. Hunt (No. 3), Capt. B. Forrester (No. 2) and Col. J. B. Way (No. 1).

Middlesex Regt.: Lieut. F. Hancock (No. 4), Capt. T. Chattey (No. 3), Capt. W. Chattey (No. 2) and Capt. R. Guest (No. 1).

## K.C.C. DEFEAT ARMY BY SEVEN WICKETS

### D. HUNG IS TOP SCORER

Kowloon Cricket Club beat the Army by seven wickets in a friendly cricket match played at Cox's Path yesterday.

The Army: L/Cpl. C. Logan, c. E. C. Fincher, b. F. Zimmerman, 0; Capt. T. E. Lawrence, 1 b.w. Lloyd, 2.

K.C.C.: Pte. F. Bateman, run out; Sgt. J. Webb, c. Rapley, b. Anderson, 27.

Sgt. A. Tropp, not out; Major D. C. E. Gross, b. Curtis, 24; Capt. J. Fielden, b. Curtis, 1.

Sgt. G. Denyer, b. Zimmerman, 18; Sgt. W. French, c. Curtis, b. Zimmerman, 1.

Lt. B. A. Fergus, b. Zimmerman, 0; Spr. R. Bailey, 1 b.w. Curtis, 15. Extras (B15), 1.

Total: 92.

Rowling Analysis: Zimmerman 8, M. R. 32, 4; Lloyd 6, 1, 21; Anderson 2, 0, 3; Curtis 4, 0, 21.

K.C.C.: D. J. N. Anderson, c. Logan, b. Fergus, 15; D. Hung, c. Tropp, b. Fergus, 33; E. F. Fincher, 1 b.w. French, 26; N. A. E. Mackay, not out, 26; A. Zimmerman, not out, 1.

Extras (WB1), 1. Total (for 3 wickets), 93.

F. Zimmerman, E. C. Fincher, W. I. Rapley, N. D. Lloyd, S. A. Gray and E. Curtis did not bat.

Bowling Analysis: Fergus 7.7, 0, 24, 2; Tropp 1, 0, 8, 0; French 8, 2, 14, 1; Bateman 4, 1, 13, 0; Denyer 2, 0, 30, 0; Fielden 1, 0, 5, 0.

## SPORTING FIXTURES

### TODAY

BADMINTON—"A" Division: Universality "B" v. Recreio. BILLIARDS—Y. M. C. A.—Billiards Match, 7.30-11 p.m.

SWIMMING—Y.M.C.A. Swimming and Swimming Instruction. TOMORROW

MEETING—Extraordinary General of the Y.M.C.A. Hockey Club, in the Ground Floor Lounge, 6.30 p.m. SWIMMING—Y.M.C.A. Mixed Swimming, 6-8 p.m.

## FOOTBALL REFEREES AT DINNER

### AN ENJOYABLE FUNCTION

There was a large gathering present at the annual dinner of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association held at the Hotel Cecil on Saturday night.

Mr. Hugh A. Beard, Chairman of the Association, presided and among the guests were Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, Chairman of the Hongkong Football Association, Mr. W. E. Hollands, Mr. T. G. Stokes, Mr. Walter Hamming Chen, Mr. Lee Wah-tong and others.

The toast to H. M. the King was proposed by the Chairman while that to the H. K. F. A. was proposed by Mr. M. Minihan, and replied to by Mr. Wong Ka-tsun.

Mr. David Kossick proposed the toast "The Referees' Association" United Kingdom, while Lieut.-Col. the Rev. S. Hinchliffe, B. A., S. C. F., toasted "Our Guests," Mr. Chen responding.

Following the dinner there was a splendid programme of entertainment composed by Mr. Kossick, and to which the following artists contributed:—Messrs. Freddy Archer, Les Gibson (magician), Stanley Hinchliffe, Mike Minihan, M. Feasegood, Bill Samways, the Harmony Three and Mr. Kossick himself.

## QUADRANGULAR RUGBY TOURNEY

### CLUB HOLD NAVY TO A DRAW

Club dropped a valuable point on Saturday in their bid for Quadrangular Rugby Tournament honours when they drew at 5 points-all with Navy on their home ground after being 5-0 down at the cross over.

A draw was a fair result, though Club were unfortunate in having to take the field without Thomson and Charter, two of their best players. Both are on the injured list.

Navy brought in Rutherford at scrum-half for the game and brought Boyden out to the wing in place of Kennedy. In the full-back line, Paul changed places with Honeywell.

Navy had the better of the first half and started off at a fast pace. This wearied off considerably in the second half and poor handling by the Club and unnecessary kicking saved Navy from defeat.

Navy scored early in the first half through Bowden, who ducked under a high tackle from Bosanquet and broke through the Club centre for an excellent try before the posts. Paul converted.

Club's equaliser came early in the second half when Stewart cut through the defence for a try on receiving a pass from Bosanquet. Aikenhead took care of the goal points.

The teams were:—  
"CLUB"—Thompson, Stewart, Day, Carruthers and Bosanquet, Aikenhead and Morgan; Heasman, Burford, Macrae, Needham, Gairdner, Kennedy, Taylor and Davies.

NAVY—Morahan, Bowden, Paul, Honeywell and McGill, O'Riordan and Rutherford; Palmer, Watson, Longmuir, Beattie, Taylor, Brown, King and Poole.

POLICE DEFEATED

At Sookunpo, a greatly weakened Army XV beat the Police by two goals, a penalty goal and two tries (19 pts.) to a try (3 pts.) in the Quadrangular Tournament. Army led 11-0 at the interval.

After only five minutes of play, Army scored when awarded a penalty kick. Millar landing a goal from 35 yards out. Three minutes later, Police were awarded a penalty from about the same distance, but Wall failed to convert.

Army went further ahead when Ford fielded a punt from Wall and made a 30-yard run for a try which Miller converted. Just

## INTER-SOCIETY LAWN BOWLS

### Convincing Win For St. Andrew's

Aided by a 38-7 win contributed by the Chieftain's rink, St. Andrew's Society beat St. George's Society by 57 shots in the annual Inter-Society lawn bowls match played at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Saturday.

The scores were:—  
St. George's: G. E. F. Thompson, E. V. Searle, D. W. Waterson, G. H. Sherriff (skip) 19; S. Eccleshall, T. Coleman, J. F. McGowan, M. N. Rakusen (skip) 21; V. C. Labrum, P. S. Cassidy, S. H. Dodwell, L. C. F. Bellamy (skip) 7; A. C. Tribble, F. Ruppance, J. G. Meyer, F. Goodwin (skip) 11; W. A. Cornell, B. D. Evans, W. Ward, J. Watson (skip) 17; R. P. Phillips, H. G. Wellington, J. C. Gill, A. J. Hall (skip) 21. Total: 96.

St. Andrew's: W. Houston, H. G. Cooper, D. Munro, R. Duncan (skip) 14; A. MacFarlane, R. M. Keown, J. Kempton, A. M. Holland (skip) 16; W. L. Walker, Sir A. MacGregor, W. MacFarlane, B. Wyle (skip) 38; W. S. Dall, R. Main, R. G. Craig, J. McKelvie (skip) 31; W. McLeod, J. S. Dinneen, A. Hyde Lay, J. C. Chalmers (skip) 32; W. Melrose, W. B. Harris, J. Fraser, J. C. Fender (skip) 22. Total: 153.

## Handsone Win For Clyde

### HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS

LONDON, Dec. 9 (Reuter).—The following are the results of Home football matches played yesterday:—

NORTH  
Blackburn 5, Manchester U. 5; Bradford 2, Rochdale 4; Bury 0, Preston 0; Chester 6, New Brighton 2; Chesterfield 0, Grimsby 3; Crewe 3, Wrexham 2; Everton 2, Southampton 1; Leeds 1, Barnsley 1; Middlesbrough 2, Doncaster 2; Newcastle 3, Hull 1; Rotherham 1, Sheffield W. 0; Sheffield U. 1, Huddersfield 3; Stockport 1, Burnley 0; Tranmere 3, Liverpool 1; York 5, Bradford 2.

SOUTH  
Aldershot 5, Norwich 4; Brentford 2, Reading 3; Bristol 6, Southampton 2; Charlton 5, Arsenal 0; Coventry 5, Walsall 0; Crystal Palace 3, Bournemouth 5; Fulham 6, Millwall 0; Leicester 4, Notts C. 0; Luton 2, Clapton 1; Stoke 5, Cardiff 1; Tottenham 2, Queen's P. R. 3; Watford 4, Brighton and Hove Albion 0.

West Bromwich 5, Notts F. 5; West Ham 6, Chelsea 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE  
Aberdeen 1, Partick 1; Clyde 6, Falkirk 2; Dumbarton 3, Airdrieonians 3; Hamilton 1, Third Lanark 1; Hearts 3, Celtic 1; Morton 3, Hibernian 1; Queen's Park 2, St. Mirren 0; Rangers 2, Motherwell 3.

OTHER MATCHES  
Halifax 1, R.A.F. XI 3; Lincoln 6, Army XI 5; R.A.F. XI 1, Army XI 2; Army XI 2, R.A.F. XI 4.

before half-time, Duke also scored a try when he pounced on a loose ball and forced his way over close in. Millar failed to convert.

Police applied pressure in the second half and were rewarded with a try but Wall failed in the kick. Coombes and Pictou then added two further tries for Army. Ford scored a goal.

The teams were:—  
POLICE—Wall, Reynolds, Howlett, Times and Dingdale; Jackson and Riddell; Jennings, Lewis, Cullinan; Hogarth, Oakley, Wright, Nuth, Dempsey and Gough.

ARMY—Barclay, Pictou, Willis, Coombes, and McDonald; Hook and Wedderburn; Sutherland, Ford and Bonny; Millar, Edmond, Pinkerton, Duke and Gillan.

## RECORD CROWD AT C. HILL SEE SING TAO AND EASTERN DRAW

### Home Team Fail To Hold Early Lead Of 2-0

Outmanoeuvred for the greater part of the game SING TAO staged a great rally in the last five minutes to force a draw with EASTERN in their Senior League match at Caroline Hill yesterday, each side scoring twice.

Against a robust and fast tackling defence Sing Tao's attack, except in the latter stages, was never able to settle down and only showed patches of their true form. Generally considered the stronger pair of backs, Hau Yung-sang and Lee Tin-sang, were shaky, especially the latter, but steadied later on to stop Eastern from scoring further goals.

There was little to choose between the two intermediate lines. Leung Wing-chiu, who was moved to right-half, was not very successful in checking Hau Ching-to. Both pair of backs were steady but Kong Sing-king and Y. S. Yen were the more spectacular. Hau Yung-sang, right back, and Cheung Wing-choi, were brilliant and it was mainly due to them that Eastern could not score after they had netted two.

EASTERN: Lau Hin-hon; Kong Sing-king; Y. S. Yen; Lau Ching-tang. Hau King-sing, Ng Kee-cheong; Chung Yung-sum, Cheong Kam-hoi, V. K. Hui, C. T. Tsao and Hau Ching-to.

SING TAO: Cheung Wing-choi; Hau Yung-sang, Lee Tin-sang; Leung Wing-chiu, Soong Ling-sing, Tsui Ah-fai; Tang Kwong-sum, Lam Shun-wing, Fung King-cheong, Kwok Ying-ki and Lau Tau-man.

FRIENDLY  
Before the big match a friendly game was played between Eastern and South China Juniors, the latter winning by three goals to one.

ENGINEERS WIN  
In the Second Division of the League yesterday, Royal Engineers defeated the Navy 3-0.

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE

FIRST DIVISION

Goals  
P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.  
S. China 11 8 2 1 33 12 18  
Sing Tao 11 8 2 1 28 14 18  
Eastern 11 7 3 1 23 18 17  
Middlesex 10 5 1 4 23 22 11  
Kowloon 9 4 2 3 14 15 10  
R. Navy 10 2 4 4 28 27 8  
R. Scots 10 3 1 6 19 27 7  
Police 10 3 1 6 18 23 7  
St. Joseph's 10 2 2 6 13 28 6  
Club 8 2 0 6 15 30 4  
Kwong Wah 10 1 7 7 19 32 4

SECOND DIVISION

Goals  
P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.  
R.E. 13 9 2 0 52 11 20  
R.A.S.C. 11 9 1 1 65 19 19  
Middlesex 12 8 2 2 45 19 18  
S. China 11 7 3 1 46 9 17  
Sing Tao 11 6 2 3 29 16 14  
R. Scots 12 6 1 5 28 23 13  
R. Navy 11 5 1 5 30 28 11  
Shui-wing had hard luck when he Kit Chue 12 4 2 6 19 40 10  
sent in a hard drive only to see it blocked, and a few minutes later, 12th R.A. 12 3 3 6 26 39 9  
sent in another stinger which just scraped the post. R.A.O.C. 10 3 2 5 17 25 8  
Club 10 1 1 8 12 26 3  
Police 11 1 1 9 13 46 3  
Kowloon 11 1 0 9 13 56 2

THIRD DIVISION

Goals  
P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.  
R.A.P. 12 10 1 1 39 14 21  
Signals 12 7 2 3 25 14 16  
24th R.A. 11 5 3 3 28 12 13  
28th R.A. 11 5 1 1 43 16 13  
R.A.M.C. 12 6 1 5 23 33 13  
Internat'l 11 5 2 4 31 21 12  
26th R.A. 11 5 2 4 22 21 12  
12th R.A. 12 4 4 4 19 12 12  
R.E. 10 5 2 3 30 20 11  
24th R.A. 10 5 1 4 25 20 11  
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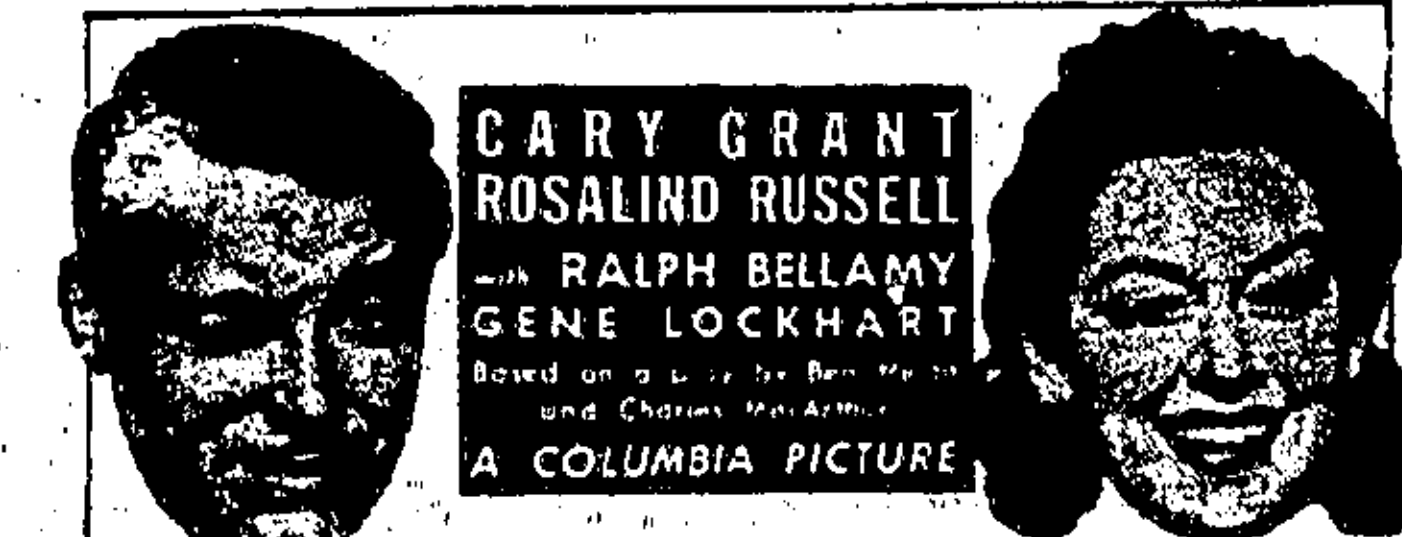
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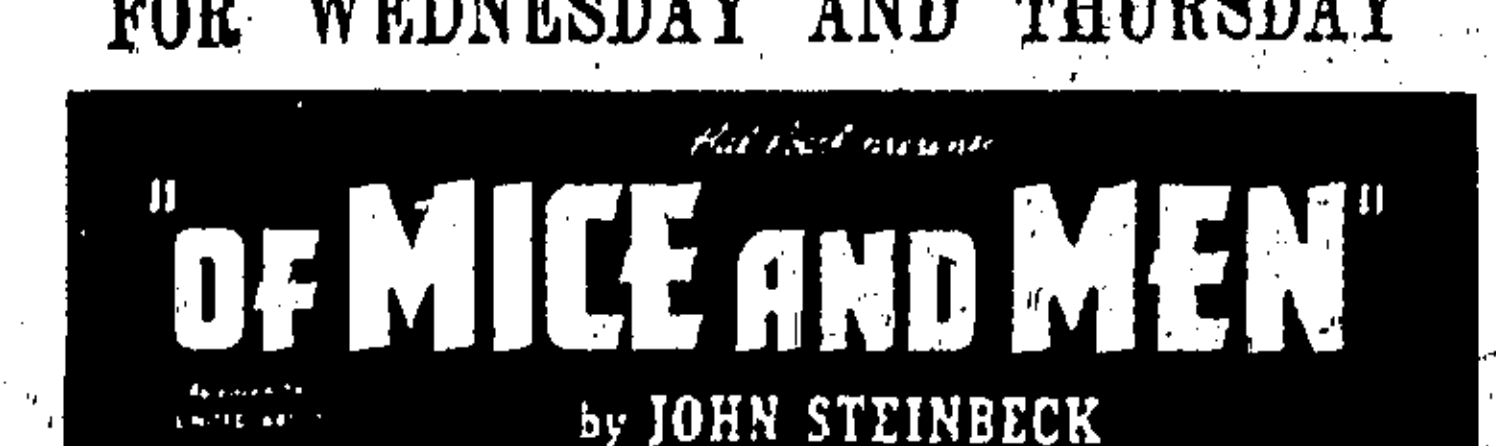
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(The following have been permitted to quit the Hongkong Defence Reserve.—Charles Edward Clarke and Leslie William Wat-kins, with effect from Nov. 30, and Gustav Charles Canaval and Lewis Rudall Shore with effect from Dec. 2.

## COMING EVENTS

DEC. 9—Tides: High 4.50 a.m. and 6.25 p.m. Low 11.04 a.m.

Sunrise: 6.53 a.m.; Sunset: 5.39 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.)

Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

H.K. Society for Protection of Children, Annual Meeting, Helena May Inst., 5.30 p.m.

Crown Land Sale, P.W.D., 3 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Women's War Work, 9 a.m.—12 noon; Swimming and Swimming Instruction; Billiards Match, 7.30 p.m.

H.K. University Arts Assn. Speech Competition, 8.30 p.m.

H.E. the Acting Governor returns to Government House from Pailing Lodge.

H.E. the Acting Governor to visit Kennedy Town Leprosy Settlement.

St. Andrew's Hall: Lecture by Mr. D. K. Paul on "The Difficulties of the Modern World and a Proposed Solution," 9 p.m.

St. Andrew's Fellowship of Youth, 8.15 p.m.

Kowloon Union Church Club Meeting, 8.30 p.m.

10—Tides: High 6.20 a.m. and 6.51 p.m. Low 12.40 a.m. and 11.50 a.m.

Sunrise: 6.53 a.m.; Sunset: 5.40 p.m.

Claims against estate of Chas. Lapenta due.

H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

Evacuation Representative Committee Meeting, Peninsula Hotel, 8.15 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Badminton & Swimming, 6 p.m.—8 p.m.; Extraordinary General Meeting of Hockey Club, 6.30 p.m.; Billiards Social, 8 p.m.

H.K. University Economic Society—Address by Miss K. J. Archer on "The Industrial Organisation of Hongkong," 8.30 p.m.

H.K. University Science Society, General Meeting, 8.30 p.m.

11—Tides: High 7.25 a.m. and 7.15 p.m. Low 1.29 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.53 a.m.; Sunset: 5.40 p.m.

Ying Wah Alumni O.S.A. Reunion Dinner, Ong Lok Yuen, Des Voeux Road.

Badminton League starts.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Kowloon Chess Club, Annual Dinner, 8 p.m.

King's College, Prize Day, 11 a.m.

H.K.F.A. Council Meeting, 6.30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Women's War Work, 9 a.m.—12 noon; Swimming and Swimming Instruction; Chess Night, 8 p.m.—11 p.m.

All-China Exhibition of Pictorial Photography, Cafe Wiseman, 4 p.m.

12—Tides: High 8.20 a.m. and 7.35 p.m. Low 2.06 a.m. and 1.07 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.53 a.m.; Sunset: 5.40 p.m.

H.K. Y's Men's Club Tiffin Mtg., 1 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Squash, 6 p.m.—11 p.m.; Hockey, 4.30 p.m.; Swimming, Compulsory Service Tribunal, Council Chamber, 4 p.m.

13—Tides: High 9.07 a.m. and 8.03 p.m. Low 2.43 a.m. and 1.45 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.54 a.m.; Sunset: 5.40 p.m.

Claims against A.E.G. Electric Co. H.K. Telge and Schroeter, H.K. German Leather Trading Co., H.K. (in liquidation) due.

H.K. Chinese Women's Club Bazaar, Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Music Hall, 1940—China Fleet Club Theatre

Criminal Sessions Commence, 10 a.m.

14—Tides: High 9.50 a.m. and 8.55 p.m. Low 3.22 a.m. and 2.18 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.55 a.m.; Sunset: 5.41 p.m.

H.K. Chinese Women's Club Bazaar, Claims against estate of the Rt. Hon. Kenneth Earl of Inneschape due.

Music Hall, 1940—China Fleet Club Theatre

H.E. the Acting Governor to open new Chinese Baptist Chapel, Kowloon City, 3 p.m.

H.K. Jockey Club's 13th Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

Charity Dance at H.K. University, 8.30 p.m.

15—Tides: High 10.28 a.m. and 9.06 p.m. Low 3.58 a.m. and 2.50 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.55 a.m.; Sunset: 5.41 p.m.

H.K. Golf Championships, semi-finals.

H.K. Chinese Women's Club Exhibition.

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.

Entries close for H.K. Polo Club's R.A. Cup Competition.

Music Hall, 1940—China Fleet Club Theatre

16—Tides: High 11.06 a.m. and 9.41 p.m. Low 4.38 a.m. and 3.25 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.56 a.m.; Sunset: 5.42 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Claims against Kruse & Co., Deutscher Klub, Transocean News Service, Fritz Petersen, Degesch & Degussa (Hans Hörmel), G. Hartig, Heinz Artax, Helmut Nocht (in liquidation) due.

H.K. Polo Club, R.A. Cup Competition starts.

H.K. Chinese Women's Club Exhibition.

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.

Entries close for H.K. Polo Club's R.A. Cup Competition.

Music Hall, 1940—China Fleet Club Theatre

17—Tides: High 11.56 a.m. and 10.31 p.m. Low 5.10 a.m. and 3.57 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.56 a.m.; Sunset: 5.42 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Claims against Kruse & Co., Deutscher Klub, Transocean News Service, Fritz Petersen, Degesch & Degussa (Hans Hörmel), G. Hartig, Heinz Artax, Helmut Nocht (in liquidation) due.

H.K. Polo Club, R.A. Cup Competition starts.

H.K. Chinese Women's Club Exhibition.

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.

Entries close for H.K. Polo Club's R.A. Cup Competition.

Music Hall, 1940—China Fleet Club Theatre

18—Tides: High 12.46 a.m. and 11.21 p.m. Low 6.00 a.m. and 4.47 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.57 a.m.; Sunset: 5.43 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Claims against Kruse & Co., Deutscher Klub, Transocean News Service, Fritz Petersen, Degesch & Degussa (Hans Hörmel), G. Hartig, Heinz Artax, Helmut Nocht (in liquidation) due.

H.K. Polo Club, R.A. Cup Competition starts.

H.K. Chinese Women's Club Exhibition.

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.

Entries close for H.K. Polo Club's R.A. Cup Competition.

Music Hall, 1940—China Fleet Club Theatre

19—Tides: High 1.36 a.m. and 12.11 p.m. Low 6.50 a.m. and 5.37 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.57 a.m.; Sunset: 5.43 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Claims against Kruse & Co., Deutscher Klub, Transocean News Service, Fritz Petersen, Degesch & Degussa (Hans Hörmel), G. Hartig, Heinz Artax, Helmut Nocht (in liquidation) due.

H.K. Polo Club, R.A. Cup Competition starts.

H.K. Chinese Women's Club Exhibition.

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.

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1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.05 Compositions of Gershwin.

Summer Time (from Porgy and Bess)—Anne Jarmon (Soprano) with Orchestra. Rhapsody in Blue—Boston Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fiedler.

1.15 Lullaby—Helen Jepson (Soprano) w. Chorus and Orchestra.

1.20 Reuter and Bugsy Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Variety.

Banjo Solo—Joy Dance (Kirby); La Vivandiere (Kirby)—Ernest Jones with Piano accomp. Vocal—Shine (Brown and Dabney)—Bing Crosby; and the Mills Brothers; Some of These Days (Brooks)—Bing Crosby.

Organ—Parade of the Weddings—Medley; Wedding of the Parades—Medley—Terence Casey. Vocal Duets—Daisy, Tessie and Mabel (Walsh); Ding, Dong, Ding, Dong—Walsh and Barker w. Piano accomp.

2.15 Close down.

2.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

2.32 Selections from Light Opera.

"The Student Prince"—Vocal Gems (Romberg)—Light Opera Company with Orchestra. "The Student Prince"—Selection (Romberg)—Savoy Orpheans. "The Lilac Domino"—Waltz Song—June Knight (Soprano) w. Orchestra and Male Quartet. "The Maid of the Mountains"—Selection (Fraser-Simson)—The London Palladium Orchestra. "Tolanthe"—Vocal Gems (Gilbert and Sullivan)—Columbia Light Opera Company w. Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—"The News of the Hour."

7.30 Old Time Variety.

The Naughty Nineties. Intro. Maiden's Prayer; While London's Fast Asleep; Two Lovely Black Eyes; As Your Hair Grows Whiter; Glorious Beer; Pas de Quatro; Daisy Bell; After the Ball; She Was One of the Early Birds—Old Timers Sketch Company with. Fred Hartley's Quintet. Vesta Victoria—Old Time Medley. Intro: Waiting at the Church; He Calls Me His Own Grace Darling; It's all Right in the Summer Time; Now I have to Call Him Father; Poor John; Daddy Wouldn't Buy Me a Bow-Wow—Vesta Victoria and Chorus with Orchestra. Old Black Joe (Stephen Foster); Campdown Races; Uncle Ned; Ring De Banjo (Stephen Foster).

### ST. STEPHEN'S GIRLS' CHARITY BAZAAR

"Your support today will provide clothing, food and shelter for those who are in great need," said Miss J. R. Taylor, of the Hongkong Refugee and Welfare Council, when she declared open the St. Stephen's Girls' College annual charity bazaar and sale of work yesterday, which was held in the College compound, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Articles on sale consisted of handiwork, needle-work, toys, candles and confectioneries, fruits and flowers. There was also a special stall exhibiting the work of the inmates of the School for Deaf in Kowloon City.

In presenting Miss Taylor, Miss E. S. Atkins, Headmistress of the College, recalled that Miss Taylor had been, at one time, head of the College for two years.

Miss Taylor was presented with a beautiful bowl of flowers by Miss Li Wai-han, head girl of the College, and daughter of Mr. Li Tse-fong, on behalf of the College.

Also present at the opening exercises of the charity bazaar were Miss W. I. Griffin, Warden of St. Stephen's Hall, Hongkong University, and the Rev. Chung Yau-lap.

A three-act Chinese play entitled "Laura" was presented by the students in the evening, the proceeds from which and those of the sale will go for charity work in the Colony.

### FLYING SCHOOL STUDENTS' UNION FORMED

Fifty students of the Far East Flying School at Kai Tak have organized among themselves a students' Union.

Mr. Leung Hoi was elected President; Mr. C. Y. Ng, Vice-President; Mr. P. S. Koon, Hon. Secretary; Mr. M. K. Luk, Hon. Treasurer; and committee members comprises Messrs J. R. Winyard, H. K. Wong, Y. Y. Ku, P. K. Law and Y. S. Young.

Flight-Lieutenant A. J. R. Moss, Superintendent of the Kai Tak Air Port, was one of the patrons of the Union.

To celebrate the affair and to bid farewell to eight fellow-members who have just completed their courses, a tea party was held in the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel yesterday afternoon.

A memorial service is being planned for the late Mr. George Hsu, well-known Chinese jurist and former members of the People's Political Council, who passed away here last September.

The service, to be held at the Confucius Hall, Caroline Hill Road here, on Feb. 18, 1941, is sponsored by Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, Madame Sun Yat-sen, Dr. H. H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan, and others.

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## SHARP CLEAVAGE BETWEEN ARMY AND FASCIST PARTY

### Gen. De Vicchi Resigns: Bitter Rome Conferences

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Another outstanding Italian military leader has followed Marshal Badoglio into retirement. He is General de Vicchi, the Commander-in-Chief of the Italian forces in the Dodecanese Islands, which have been cut off from sea communication with Italy for several months.

The official announcement, issued by Stefani, the Government news agency, states that General de Vicchi has been relieved of his command at his own request, but proffers no further details.

Ankara observers, however, see the retirement a further sign of the sharp cleavage between the Army and the Fascist Party in Italy, which is given additional emphasis by the circumstance that General de Vicchi was one of the four Army chiefs who went over to the Blackshirts and took part in the march on Rome. Rome reports indicate that bitter conferences have been taking place in Rome this week between Mussolini and the Italian Army leaders.

**BADOGGIO RESIGNATION**  
The resignation of Marshal Badoglio as Supreme Commander of the Italian armed forces produced a veritable sensation in Rome, according to the Rome correspondent of the Swiss newspaper Tribune de Geneve yesterday.

The correspondent adds that Marshal Badoglio, as the greatest soldier in Italy, enjoyed immense prestige and the respect and affection of the entire nation. Meanwhile, Turkey, is smiling over the resignation, which is interpreted in Ankara as an admission that the war in Albania is going very badly indeed.

**REPERCUSSIONS AWAITED**  
Repercussions of the resignation are awaited with great interest. Ankara radio yesterday mentioned the controversy between the Italian Army and the Fascist Party.

According to this report the Army did not want to enter the European war but Mussolini thought the struggle against Britain and France would be short.

It is also pointed out that the Italian people all along have been opposed to fighting a war alongside of Germany.

**IRONIC COMMENT**  
The announcer also ironically commented on the fact that Mussolini changes his commanders once a week. The Italian forces have had no.

## GERMAN RAIDER IN ATLANTIC

### Equipped For 3-Year Voyage

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—The German sea raider that is prowling in southern Atlantic and Pacific waters laying mines and trying to waylay merchantmen is a huge rebuilt passenger liner equipped for a three years' voyage. This is according to Captain Cornelius Arundel, a British skipper who was imprisoned in the raider for 64 days after the sinking of his ship, the Haxby, near Bermuda in April by the raider which left Hamburg on April 6. The raider fired without warning, killing 16 of the Haxby's crew. She set the Haxby on fire and took the 24 survivors on board.

**APPEARANCE CHANGED**  
Captain Arundel, in an interview yesterday, said the raider was well over 10,000 tons and carried six guns and a huge supply of mines.

She changed her appearance daily, with the aid of their steel plates and the repainting of her superstructure, as well as her nationality.

## "CHALLENGE TO JAPAN"

### HOCHI SHIMBUN ON AMERICAN LOAN TO CHINA

TOKYO, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—"Such a loan is nothing but challenging war with Japan," declared the Tokyo newspaper Hoshi Shimbun yesterday, commenting in an editorial on the decision of the United States to grant a loan of U.S.\$100,000,000 to China.

"It is like throwing bombs against the foundation work for establishment of a new order in East Asia and has given an unforgettable and unpleasant impression to Japanese people."

The "Hochi" advocates the further strengthening of relations with the Axis powers, as well as an early adjustment of relations with Soviet Russia.

## CHANGE IN TOKYO GOVT. FORESHADOWED

### SOVIET REITERATION OF CHINA POLICY WELCOMED IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Moscow reports that Soviet policy towards China remains unchanged have created satisfaction here where the news confirms the belief expressed at the time that Japan's injection of anti-Communist sentiment into her treaties with Wang Ching-wei could do her no good and possibly much damage.

The Moscow statement of policy seems to be the first fruits accruing to that error of judgment; and in face of the Soviet statement observers in Washington believe Japan will be in no position to withdraw any of the many troops the state of her relations with Russia compels her to maintain on the borders of Manchuria.

The situation now created does not seem to have improved the chances of the new Japanese Ambassador to Russia, General Yoshitsugu Tatekawa, to effect a rapprochement with Moscow.

In addition, it is reported in Washington, Berlin's inability to persuade Moscow to accept such a rapprochement is having an effect on Tokyo's previous beliefs in the power of the Axis.

**KONOYE WORRIES**  
These matters, plus the Italian reverses, which reports in Washington indicate may yet have catastrophic proportions in their internal results, and the German failure to subdue England, would account for some of the worries of the Konoze regime, which are stated to be serious.

In view of the reported dissatisfaction in Japan, over Prince Konoze's policies, the failure of Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, to secure any diplomatic successes or to persuade for many weeks any Japanese to accept the Washington ambassadorship, might easily lead to yet another change in the Tokyo Government in the near future, it is thought in Washington.

**JAPAN DIVIDED**  
At any rate, informed American circles believe Japan is far too divided internally to proceed further with her dreams of empire for some time.

Some quarters in Washington claim to have received private information that the division between the Japanese Army and Navy continues to widen and that recently the fear of another army revolt, such as the 1938 uprising



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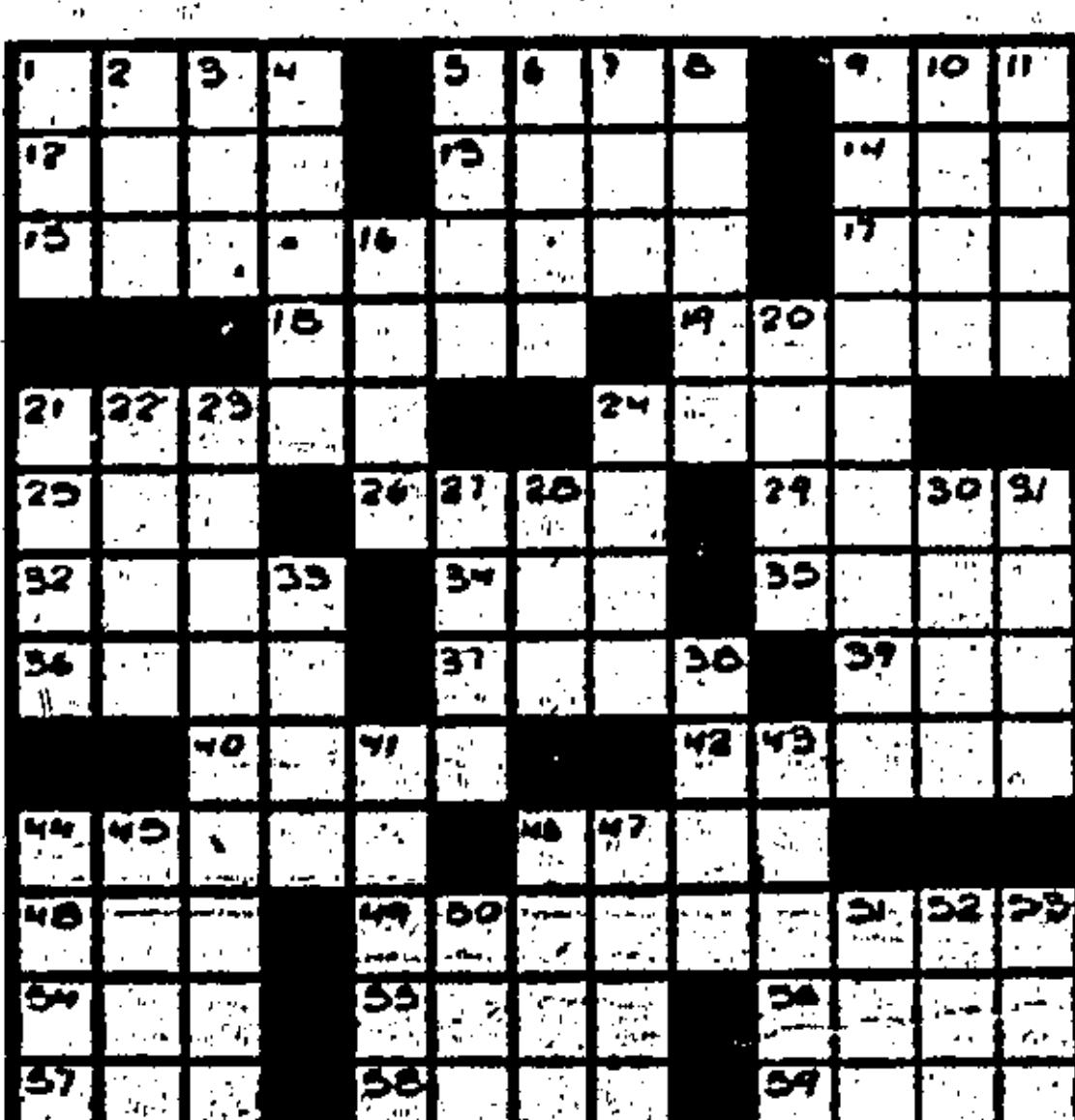
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- Estuary of the Amazon River
- Winged mammal
- Generic name of the maple tree
- Greek goddess of discord
- River (Sp.)
- Ecclesiastical festival
- Girl's name
- Organs of hearing
- Sharp
- Reject with disdain
- Governess
- Known facts
- Town in North Holland
- Small particle
- Ship's diary
- Cereal
- March 14
- Gem
- Sea eagle
- Wrath
- Having oars
- Small mammal related to the monkeys
- Trim
- Bush
- Estranged
- Nooks or corners
- Mathematical term
- Layer



- Feline pet
- Look for
- Wet
- DOWN
- Membranous pouch
- Wood sorrel
- Fowl
- Command
- Gaze
- Weapons
- Narrow inlet
- Resource
- Officer in command of a brigade
- Military assistant
- Tallest amphibian
- Debar
- One who performs
- Prefix mean
- ing half
- Compensated
- Greatest possible extent
- Sexual tale
- Genus of Old World plants of the family
- Upper extremity
- Land measure
- Repair
- Elderly son of Jacob
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SOLUTION TOMORROW

## GOVERNOR OF MADAGASCAR DISMISSED

### CANADIAN APPOINTEE TO VICHY GOVT.

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—The Vichy Government has dismissed two more important colonial officials.

One is the Governor-General of Madagascar and the other the High Commissioner for the Cameroons, M. Richard-Brunet.

The latter has already joined the Free French Forces and has just been appointed to head the colonial department at General de Gaulle's London headquarters.

Meanwhile, French India is also supporting Free France. Yesterday a resolution was passed in Pondicherry pledging wholehearted support to General de Gaulle.

**CANADIAN OBSERVER**  
A Canadian diplomat has been appointed as observer to the Vichy Government. It was announced yesterday.

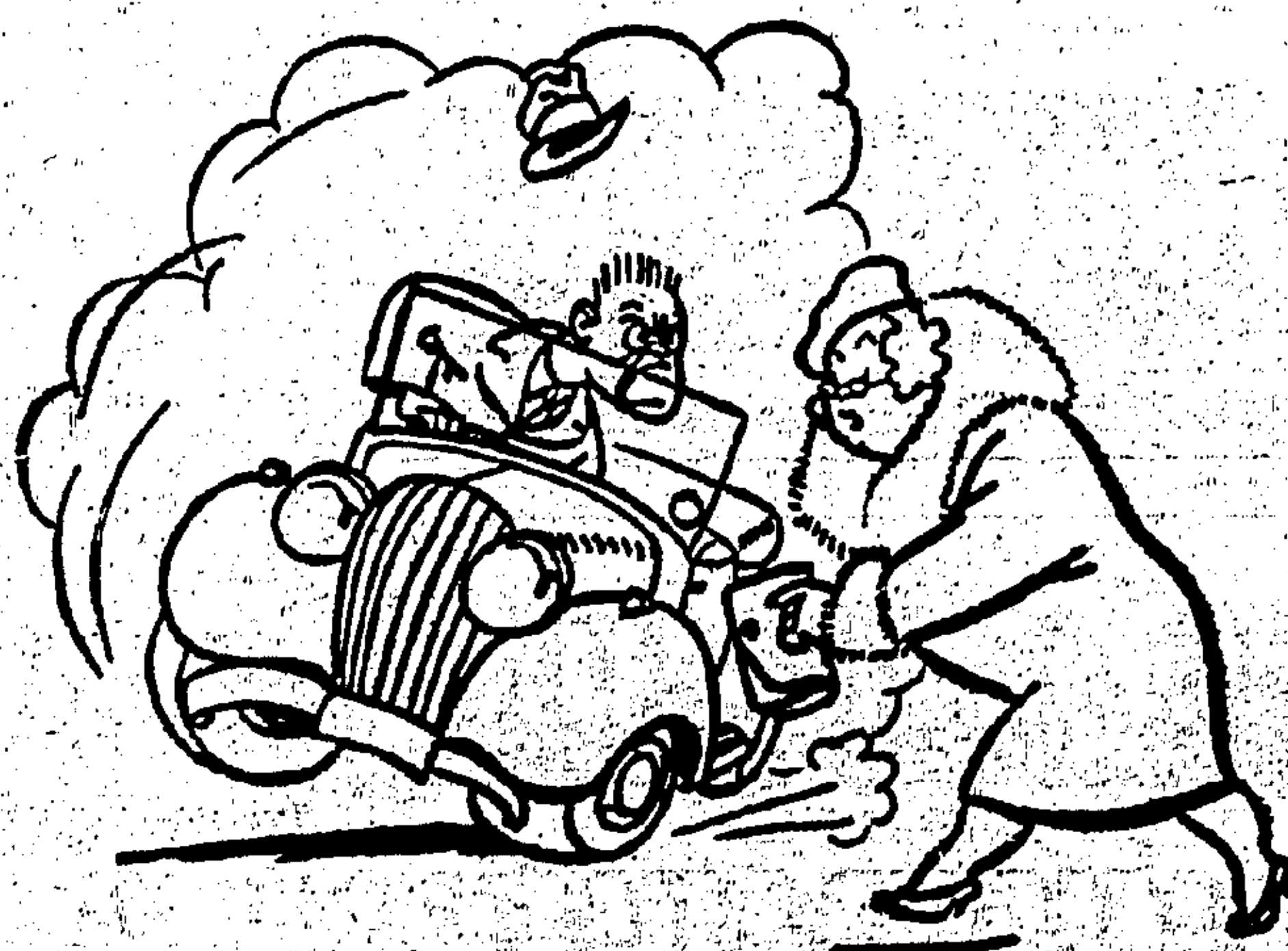
He is M. Dupuis, formerly First Secretary of the Canadian Legation in Paris, who has been in London since the collapse of France.

M. Dupuis has not been officially accredited to Vichy but will give Marshal Petain a true picture of Britain and of the immense forces which are arrayed against Germany.

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## MEMORIAL SERVICE

## LATE MR. SZETO CHUNG

A memorial service for the late Mr. Szeto Chung, Corps Superintendent of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, took place on Saturday afternoon at the Chinese Y. M. C. A. with a large attendance of about 500 members of the St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade.

The Assembly Hall was solemnly decorated and the late Corps Superintendent's photograph was in the centre of the platform.

Divisional Superintendent Wong Kam-cheung, of the Y. M. C. A. Division, took the chair and Rev. T. S. Young, Assistant Commissioner E. M. Raymond, District Officer T. K. Chak and Mr. L. K. Cheung of the "Y" spoke.

Samuel, the eldest son of the deceased, thanked all present for their attendance.

## THOSE PRESENT

Amount those present were Rev. T. S. Young, Assistant Commissioner E. M. Raymond, Dr. J. E. Dovey, Supervisor and Training Officer, District Officer T. K. Chak, Corps Superintendent Y. L. Chan, Corps Officer Alice Kwok and Divisional Superintendents Wong Kam Cheung, S. W. Sit, U. Kai-cheung, Tsui Yan-hing, Lam Tse-fung, Tse Long-chiu, Fan Shiu-nam, Allen Lai, Chan Man-kai, Lam Sing-yue, B. A. Hyder, S. K. Kwam, Chan Ping-kwong, Leung Kam-chuen and many other Officers and representatives of the Brigade.

The Assistant Commissioner said, in part:—

The late Corps Superintendent Szeto Chung whose death at the Queen Mary Hospital on Oct. 23 was such a sad and deeply mourned loss, had a long and very distinguished career with the Brigade. He was the oldest Chinese member of the Brigade in the Colony.

On Nov. 19 1937, he was invested with the Venerable Order of St. John in the Grade of Associate Serving Brother, an honour which is conferred by His Majesty the King, Sovereign Head of our Order.

## FUNERAL OF SISTER GONSAVES

The funeral of Sister Maria das Mercedes Umbelina Goncalves, Goncalves (Sister Mercy), who passed away on Saturday afternoon at the St. Joseph's Building, took place yesterday afternoon at the Catholic Cemetery. H. E. Bishop H. Valtorta officiated at the graveside.

Born in China 74 years ago, Sister Goncalves had rendered long and valuable services in this Colony.

Among those present at the graveside were: Miss I. de Jesus, Mrs. C. Remedios, Mrs. T. Rosario, Miss C. Gardner, Miss L. M. de Souza, Miss A. de Souza, Mrs. R. M. de Souza, Miss C. Remedios, Mrs. M. E. B. Remedios, Miss A. Alves, Mrs. C. Silva, Mrs. E. Rousario, Miss C. Barros, Miss Emily Teng, Miss C. Place, Mr. A. Baleros, Sister Doria, Sister Anna, Mrs. Leo d'Almada e Castro, Mr. and Mrs. J. Noronha, Mr. A. Souza, Dr. C. Rosa, Rev. Fr. G. M. Spada, Father Rosello, Father Fung, Messrs. J. M. Vieira, Jr., P. N. Xavier, J. Baptista, A. Demee, A. Baptista, J. B. Xavier, J. Sousa, J. R. Castilho, A. C. Botelho, and E. Porteiro.

## FUN-FAIR AT ST. ANDREW'S

The church lawns were turned into a sunny playground and the pastor's residence into a popular rendezvous on Saturday when a Fun Fair was held at Christ Church, Kowloon Tong.

The fair was held under the distinguished patronage of the Acting Governor, Lieut.-Gen. E. F. Norton, and was formally opened by Miss Rosemund Kung, daughter of Dr. H. H. Kung, Minister of Finance of China.

In addition to many favourite side-shows, such as coconut shies, "Aunt Sally," depth charge and golf putting, there were many useful articles, knitted goods and home products on sale.

The tea party, which was held at the Rev. J. C. L. Wong's house in the late afternoon, attracted a large social gathering and proved a great success.

The funds raised, which amounted to about \$300, went to finance the Church in the coming year.



Letters from overseas listeners being answered in the BBC's London headquarters. A very large number of such letters arrive daily and each one receives close attention and an individual reply. Letters from listeners are welcomed by the BBC, because a careful analysis of comments and requests, made by a staff of specialists, helps to give a clear picture of what listeners think of the programmes and of the widely differing tastes in various parts of the world.

## ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

## AT CENTRAL

## MONEY THEFT ALLEGED

Appearing before Mr. G. T. Lowry on Saturday on a charge of stealing money and articles, to the total value of \$1,987, Mak Hung, 25, unemployed, was remanded in police custody for 72 hours.

Defendant was alleged to have stolen from No. 21 Gap Road, first floor, on Dec 3 H.K.\$1,597, \$80 Chinese currency, a gold watch, two cigarette lighters, a fountain pen and a razor, the property of Ho Hoi chan, accountant.

Mak was also charged with receiving \$1,582 and articles, knowing the same to be stolen property.

Det.-Sgt. V.M. Morrison, in making the application for remand, said that further charges may be preferred.

## FALSE PRETENCES

Pleading guilty before Mr. Lowry on Saturday to a charge of obtaining \$100 by false pretences from Leung Wze, 42, woman, Cheung Hing-chau, 32, unemployed, was remanded one week in order to give him time to raise money to pay back to complainant.

Cheung was charged with obtaining the money from Leung at the National City Bank of New York on Nov. 22 by falsely pretending that he was an employee of the Bank.

Det.-Sgt. W. Summers said that complainant went with her daughter to the National Bank with the intention of cashing a cheque for \$100. While they were inquiring their way in the Bank defendant approached them and asked if they were looking to cash a cheque.

Defendant told them he would cash for them but disappeared, and was not seen by complainant who, on making inquiries, found that the cheque had already been cashed.

On Thursday a clerk of the Bank saw defendant wandering round the bank and had him arrested. Defendant stated that he had asked his wife to refund complainant but she could not raise enough money.

## CHOPPER ATTACK SEQUEL

The alleged chopper attack in which two men were killed on Thursday last at No. 3 Gilman's Bazaar had a sequel at the Central Magistracy on Saturday when Ho Sung-hai, 22, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry with the murder of Woo Tung-chiu, 28, accountant of the Chung Hwa Book Company.

A formal remand of one week was granted.

Inspector L. R. Whant is in charge of the case.

## THEFT OF COAL

Charged before Mr. Lowry on Saturday for stealing 14 cattles of coal, valued at 40 cents, from the Yee Lee Coalyard, Gloucester Road, on Friday, Yam Kam-wing, 29, unemployed, was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

Det.-Sgt. V.M. Morrison said that the watchman of the coalyard saw defendant extracting pieces of coal from the yard through the wooden fence with an iron rod.

Sgt. Morrison added that there had been a lot of these larcenies in the Wanchai district and the Police had received many complaints from coalyards in that vicinity.

## HEALTH RETURNS

Forty-one cases of tuberculosis, five of dysentery, three of enteric fever, two of chicken-pox and one each of diphtheria and measles were notified to the local Health authorities on Friday.

## AT KOWLOON

## WARD ILL-TREATED

Fine of \$50 or three months' imprisonment was imposed by Major A. N. Macfadyen on Saturday on a 30-year-old woman, Wong Pui-chan, of No. 259 Cheung Sha Wen Road, for keeping an unregistered ward and for ill-treating her.

Inspector H. W. Fraser, of S.C.A., said that on information received, the premises was visited by a Lady Inspector and the ward was found there alone. The child was taken to S.C.A. and on their way they met the accused who was also taken to S.C.A.

The ward stated that she had been sold to the defendant for \$15 by her mother in the country, and she was beaten by the defendant between Dec 2 and 6 for stealing a few cents.

Medical examination showed that the girl had many bruises on her body.

## HEARING FIXED

Hearing was fixed for Tuesday by Mr. Humsforth on Saturday of the case in which Siu Hon-pan, 39, travelling trader, was charged with kidnapping a child under 14 years of age.

The defendant was arrested at Reclamation Street on Dec. 1.

## BURGLARS ACTIVE

Convicted of larceny of a quantity of kitchen utensils, Lam Chiu-ming, 20, and Ma Hung, 31, were sentenced by Mr. Humsforth on Saturday to six months and four months imprisonment, respectively.

It was stated that when the defendants were seen by a constable at Portland Street early Friday morning and questioned, they admitted having stolen the property from No. 181, Portland Street.

Both defendants had returned from banishment.

## DANGEROUS GOODS

Four junk foks, Tsui Kok-lim, 33, Liu Wo, 30, Mak Chin-fuk, 23, and Mak Chin-tai, 53, were charged before Mr. Humsforth on Saturday with possession of dangerous goods on board their junks which were not licensed for the purpose.

Sub-Inspector Johnson said that a quantity of kerosene was found in the junks in a routine search of the Harbour by the Police.

(The last defendant was fined \$200, while each of the other accused was fined \$100.)

## POLICE REPORTS

The theft of boot cycles, worth \$148, belonging to Arcull Brothers, between Nov. 15 and Dec. 4 has been reported to the Police by Mr. A. H. Madar.

Wong Lau, of No. 102, Austin Road reports that someone entered his house between 11 p.m. on Thursday and 8 a.m. on Friday and stole jewellery and clothing to the value of \$234.

Sgt. Manning, of No. 28, Hankow Road, has reported the theft from his residence of jewellery to the value of \$44 on Thursday.

Chickens, worth \$3240, have been reported stolen on Friday by Mr. Bezg. of No. 48, Gramplan Road.

Mr. W.R.K. Collings, of the Harbour Department, has reported that while driving car No. 5380 in Connaught Road West at about midnight on Friday, he was momentarily blinded by a light and collided with a stationary lorry in Western Street. Both vehicles were slightly damaged.

## SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS NOTIFIED

The following names of successful tenderers are notified for general information:—

Messrs. Lam Woo & Co.—For construction of Sand bins at Central Government Store, North Point.

Messrs. Fook Lee & Co.—For police huts at Bay View, Stanley and Mongkok.

Messrs. Cheong Hing—For Police Recreation ground, cutting back slopes.

Messrs. Tung Shan & Co.—For A.R.P. report centre at Hung Hom Police Station; for the maintenance and repair of alterations and additions to Government buildings.

Messrs. Sang Hop & Co.—For providing and fixing boundary posts to quarries etc.; and the fixing of bench marks and picket boxes.

Messrs. Lai Kee & Co.—For reinforced concrete depots.

Messrs. Tak Hing & Co.—For additions and alterations to Water Police Station, Tsimshatsui.

Messrs. Kin Lee & Co.—For maintenance and repair to Fort Works.

Messrs. Sai Hing & Co., Ltd.—For provision of junk transport to Government Grab Dredgers Nos. 1 & 2.

## TENDERS INVITED

Tenders are invited for blood and hair contract, Mataukok; slaughter house contract, Salwanho; slaughter house contract, Aberdeen; blood and hair contract, Kennedy Town; conservancy contract, Pokfulam, Aberdeen and Apichau; conservancy contract, Stanley and Taitam; re-numbering of old head-stones, Government cemeteries; for supply of head-stones old head-stones for use in the Government cemeteries; for transportation of Government stores; for gates for A.R.P. pen shelters; for alterations and additions to H.K.V.D.C. Headquarters.

## H.E. TO INSPECT A.R.P. WARDENS ON SUNDAY

An inspection of the Hongkong Corps of Air Raid Wardens by His Excellency the Acting Governor, Major-General E.F. Norton, will take place on the Hongkong Football Club ground, Happy Valley, on Sunday, Dec. 22.

Owing to limited accommodation admission will be by ticket only and members of the public wishing to attend, are requested to apply for tickets to the following:—

A.R.P. Headquarters, No. 88 Morrison Hill Road, Happy Valley; or Chief Air Raid Warden, Hongkong, Alexandra Building (top floor); or Chief Air Raid Warden, Kowloon, c/o Kowloon Godowns.

## BANK NOTES IN CIRCULATION

Returns of the average amount of bank notes in circulation in Hongkong, during the month, ended November 30, 1940, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks:—

Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China \$26,070,886, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation \$200,257,223, Mercantile Bank of India, Limited \$4,389,895. Total \$230,717,922.

## SECURITIES LODGED

The following statement of the securities lodged with the Crown Agents by the Mercantile Bank of India, Limited against their notes in circulation, is published for general information under Section 5 of the Mercantile Bank Note Issue Ordinance, 1911, (Ordinance No. 65 of 1911):—

3 per cent. Conversion Loan repayable, 1948/1953, \$240,000. Latest market price, 99-100.

## BAZAAR HELD AT ST. PAUL'S GIRLS' COLLEGE

Another bazaar, which was organised by the St. Paul's Girls' College in aid of the Ministering Children League, also proved to be a great success, the net profit being over \$2000.

The bazaar was opened by Miss Tsang Po-shan, M.A., a graduate of Westfield College, London, and Principal of the Yee Fong College in Changsha.

In her opening remarks she expressed her appreciation to the students for having the spirit of helping the unfortunate, wounded lorry in Western Street. Both vehicles were slightly damaged.



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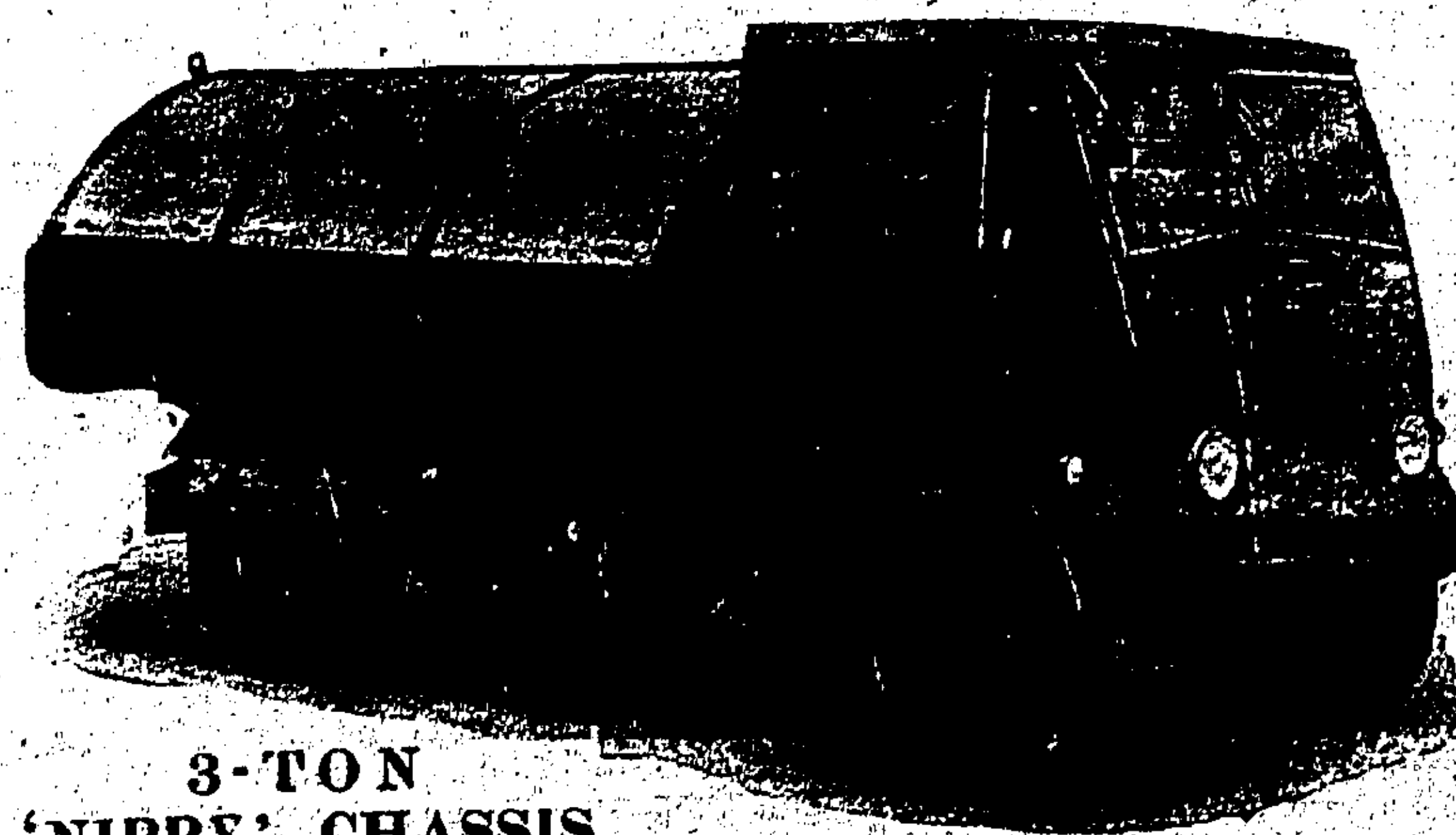
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It is notified that a public session of the Compulsory Service Tribunal will be held on Thursday, Dec. 12, at 4 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat.

## BANKRUPTCY COURT

Sitting in the Bankruptcy Court on Saturday, the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, granted the application of the petitioning creditor, Wong Lam, that the Hing Cheong Co., also known as the Hing Cheong (Shing Kee) Co., formerly of 313 Des Voeux Road Central, and now carrying on business at 95 Wing Lok Street, second floor, be adjudicated bankrupt.

In making the application on behalf of the petitioning creditor, Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ said that the previous application was dismissed for want of any reliable information of what the assets of the debtor firm were.

The facts of the case, said Mr. Russ, were that a judgment creditor had obtained possession of the firm's goods by virtue of an execution, and, unless the firm is adjudicated bankrupt, not one of the other creditors would get anything.

There is a concrete asset of \$3,500 in cash, and if the Official Receiver would go into the matter and give the creditors his assistance this amount would be considerably increased.

The petitioning creditor had every reason to believe that the debtor is unavailable, and that his statement of assets was straightforward. The managing partner of the debtor firm had disappeared and left only a minor official to take charge of the firm.

The books of the firm, continued Mr. Russ, showed the liabilities to be \$73,658, and the assets \$8,500. Mr. Russ concluded by saying that his client was not using the Court as a haven of refuge for the debtor, who could not be found, but for purposes of a probe into the affairs of the defaulting firm.

After evidence had been given by Wong Lam, and on Mr. J. P. Prentis, the Official offering no objections, his Lordship granted the application.

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THE MARK OF THE  
BEAST

THE INTENSITY with which towns and cities in Britain have been bombed during the past three months has served one purpose and that is in revealing the real mark of the Nazi. In the raids on Coventry, Bristol, Southampton and London all pretence that the German airman are only seeking military objectives has been dropped, with the result that, though numbers of women and children have been killed, Britain's industrial life and communications have scarcely been interrupted. One of the most notable facts in this connection is that of the thirty-two bridges which span the River Thames, not one has yet been wrecked. With the Nazis, it is not a question any longer of obliterating Britain's industrial centres—it is a question more of inflicting suffering on a large part of the population and the fact that these raids have been concentrated with all the bestial fury at their command, shows how hard the Nazi airman are, trying to carry out their Fuehrer's orders to spread horror among civilians.

WHILE Britain's civil population continues to stand up to these vicious methods with their characteristic calm and confidence and the rest of the world is convinced that Herr Hitler is merely wasting his time in trying to break down the morale of a people who are determined to make the greatest sacrifices in order to drive the Totalitarian beast back to his lair, it is impossible to neglect the significance which this large-scale bombing of British towns bears to the position of the Axis Powers in Europe itself. The question which has been agitating the minds of political observers in all parts of the world is why Herr Hitler has so far made no move to attempt to remedy the situation in the Balkans, which has deteriorated to such an extent against his Italian ally that even his own position and prestige is threatened. The escape clause in the Three-Power Pact, of course, provides Herr Hitler with a loophole for evading his responsibilities towards his partners and to go back on his word if it suits him to do so, and even Herr Hitler has begun to realise that his position in his struggle for might over right is too precarious for further risk.

WHAT IS IT, then, that has made his position so grave that he dare not take the risk of attempting to help his partner and falling in the attempt? Mr. Wickham Steed answered this question emphatically on Friday during his weekly broadcast on current events. It is not the undaunted spirit of the Greeks and their overwhelming success against the Italians that is holding Herr Hitler back. It is not the spirit of unrest that is spreading through the conquered countries that has shaken his nerve and it is not the stiffening attitude of the smaller states that he was proposing to bring under his

WELL-KNOWN  
H.K. JOCKEY  
MARRIED

Mr. Liang Shang-cheng, known to racing enthusiasts as S.C. Liang, was married on Saturday, at the Registry, Supreme Court, to Miss Alice Jo Ho, the daughter of Mr. Ho Wing Sang, compradore of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, & Co., Tsingtao branch, in the presence of Mr. Liang Tone and Mrs. Alma Ho Shau, sister of the bride. The honeymoon is being spent in Macao.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, officiated.

## Yip—Seto

A pretty Chinese wedding took place at the Gloucester Hotel on Saturday when Miss Seto Yim-ping became the bride of Mr. Yip Yin-fong, assistant manager of Tony Ginwin and Company.

Mr. Lau Wai-chi, Member of the Executive Committee of the National Government, acted as witness, the ceremony being held according to Chinese rites.

The bride, a former student of St. Mary's School, Shanghai, is the niece of Mr. Seto Chun-tung, who was chief manager of the Canton Sugar Factory.

Among the many friends who attended the reception were Mr. Sun Mun, Mrs. Sun Fo, Mr. Wong Hon-leung, Dr. Li Shu-fan, Mr. Chau Tin-ping and Mr. Chan Tit-yat.

## LATIP-FUNG

Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, officiated at the wedding of Mr. Raden Irawan Latip, teacher, residing at the Shan Kong Hotel, Happy Valley, and Miss Fung Yun Ching, of No. 7 Wild Dell Buildings, which took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, on Saturday.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:—  
Mr. Francis James Boay, teacher, of No. 2 Ho Sze Terrace, Kennedy Town, and Miss Helen Marie Liu, of No. 5 Ho Sze Terrace, Kennedy Town.

Mr. Mark Park Leung, merchant, residing at No. 2 Tsing Fung Street, Causeway Bay, and Miss Fong Sau Ha, of No. 137 Caine Road.

Mr. Lau Yan-cheuk has been appointed to be an Assistant Inspector of Labour, Factories and Workshops, with effect from Dec. 2.

domination. His ruthlessness and cruelty might easily have carried him past all these obstacles if he could have been sure of one thing—and that is the defeat of Britain. None of the various plans he has in mind give promise of any success until he can put Britain out of the way—at every step he finds either direct and stern British opposition or a spirit of resistance roused by the effects of the success with which Britain has held him at bay.

IT IS THIS that has made Herr Hitler concentrate his fury on Britain. The vicious nature of the night raids was meant to pave the way for placing him in a position from which he could put out surreptitious peace feelers. The answer to this stealthy move has been given already in no uncertain terms by the convincing vote with which the House of Commons rejected any suggestion of a peace talk with "the abominable dictatorships" of Europe. If this vote was a rebuff to the minority of four which favoured the peace suggestion, it must have been a harder blow for Herr Hitler. His fury will now know no limits and he will no doubt redouble his horrid methods to break down a morale and a spirit of determination and a will to win that has had such a stimulating effect on the rest of the world. That he will fail to achieve his object is unquestionable. The mark of the bully must, and will, be removed from this civilisation and true democracy and freedom of life restored to the world.



Mr. Yip Yin-fong and his bride, formerly Miss Seto Yim-ping, after their marriage on Saturday.—(King's Studio).

## NEWSETTES

Mr. Thomas Edward Jackson resumed duty as Senior Surveyor of Ships on Nov. 21.

The next Criminal Sessions will open on Friday, Dec. 13, at 10 a.m.

Copies of the following pocket street index books are available for sale at the Library office, Colonial Secretariat:—Hongkong (City), \$1 each; Kowloon and New Kowloon, \$1.

Mr. Arthur W. D. Salis and Mr. Dennis A. Winter have been appointed to be Acting Sub-Lieutenants in the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force, with effect from Nov. 20.

His many friends in sporting circles will be glad to learn that Mrs. A. J. Hussain, wife of the popular sportsman, gave birth to a son yesterday. Both are doing well.

Capt. Alfred Creighton Collinson, R.N., Commodore in charge of Naval Establishments, Hongkong, has been appointed to be an additional Official Member of the Executive Council, with effect from Nov. 21.

The figure representing the average opening selling rate for the month of November, 1940, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for demand drafts on London is settled at 14.88.

A variety entertainment in aid of its funds is being arranged by the Society for the Protection of Children to take place at the China Fleet Club Theatre on Jan. 3, 1941.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Society for the Protection of Children is holding a bridge and mahjong drive at the Cathedral Hall on Wednesday, at 3 p.m. Tickets will be \$1 and participants are asked to bring playing cards or mahjong sets.

The next general meeting of the Hongkong University Science Society will be held tomorrow (Tuesday) at 8.30 p.m. in Room "K" of the Main Building when the Rev. Fr. D. Donnelly, S.J., M.Sc. will deliver a lecture on "Ballistics"—(The Study of Artillery and Projectiles). All interested are welcome.

The following promotions in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps have been approved: To be Lieutenants—Second Lieutenant D. J. S. Crozier and Second Lieutenant Jose Maria Machado Alves; to be Second Lieutenants—Company Sergeant Major Francis Brett and Sergeant M. G. Carruthers, with effect from Nov. 21.

H.E. the Acting Governor, Lt. Gen. E. F. Norton, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., accompanied by Capt. S. H. Batty-Smith, A.D.C., visited the Volunteers' Camp at Fanling yesterday, and inspected the Volunteers at work. His Excellency had lunch with Col. H. B. Rose M.C., Commandant, and officers.

MILITARY BAND  
CONCERT

The "hit" that military band concerts make on the Hongkong public was clearly demonstrated by the large attendance at the Kowloon Cricket Club, on Saturday night, when such a concert was given by the Band of 2nd Batt. The Royal Scots (by kind permission of Lt.-Col. D. J. MacDougall, M.C. and Officers).

The programme was very well arranged. The entire proceeds will be contributed to the S.C.M. Post Bomber Fund.

YENCHING ALUMNI  
HOLD SUCCESSFUL  
DINNER-DANCE

More than 300 Yenching alumni and their relatives and friends gathered at an enjoyable dinner-dance sponsored by the Hongkong branch of the Yenching Alumni Association, held on Saturday night at the Roof Garden of Hongkong Hotel.

The meeting served as a reunion for the graduates and to raise money for a scholarship in honour of Prof. Wu Lai-chun, former president of the University.

In the opening remarks, Mr. Ma Chien, Chairman of the Association and a Professor of the Hongkong University, assured those present that their mother-school is still carrying on without any external interference according to the latest message from Dr. J. L. Stuart, President of the University.

## FIRST FOREIGN UNIVERSITY

Dr. W. W. Yen, former Chinese Ambassador to the Soviet Union, and member of the Board of Trustees of the Yenching University, related how Yenching was the first foreign university to be registered with the Chinese Government through the effort of the aged Professor Wu.

Featured in the programme were a tap dance by Miss Tam Kung-pl, sword dance by Miss Li Ling-huan and a tango dance by Mr. and Mrs. K. Sip. Professor Hsu Ti-shan, of the Hongkong University, also spoke on the Yenching anecdotes.

Valuable prizes for a raffle, including radio, watch, camera and scores of others, were generously donated by many firms and well-known persons.

## CLIPPER SCHEDULE

Pan American Airways Clipper schedule has been subject to further alteration owing to delay in the arrival of flying boats in Hongkong.

The CALIFORNIA CLIPPER, bringing U. S. mails dated San Francisco, Dec. 1, is now expected to arrive in Hongkong on Wednesday, Dec. 11 and will leave on Thursday morning.

The PHILIPPINE CLIPPER, bringing U. S. mails dated San Francisco, Dec. 4, is scheduled to arrive on Tuesday, Dec. 17, and will return the following morning.

## CORRESPONDENCE

IMMIGRATION  
RACKET

The Editor, H.K. Daily Press.  
Sir.—There appears to be no improvement in the handling of the applicants for immigration passes since the inauguration of the Immigration Office. On the contrary, dissatisfaction is growing, complaints are loud, and distress is tremendous among the poor, illiterate folk, who in their unfortunate environments can find no way to give vent to their difficulties in obtaining entrance to the Immigration Office.

In the midst of these unpleasant effects brought about by the defence regulations necessitated by war, a certain section of undeserving profiteers are compunctionlessly enriching themselves. Numerous correspondents have written on this subject, and an English-Newspaper reporter has depicted an eye-witness scene of corruption. Under such circumstances, the authorities concerned must be aware of these rackets. Nevertheless, the same state goes on.

I passed by the Immigration Office several times daily and noticed amongst the queue standing outside the Office a few faces which had appeared several days. They did not show any sign of tediousness in waiting, but on the contrary, they seemed to enjoy themselves with waiting. My curiosity made me pause for a while, and then it was satisfied by what followed. One fellow, whose turn to enter was about to arrive, walked off, and was at once displaced by a middle-aged woman. As soon as he left, he asked another man, apparently his comrade, "Get \$1.50 from her?" Then I said to myself, "He sold his turn for a lovely price."

Thus, if the system of admission by number be operated as already announced, what is there to prevent the racketeers from selling their numbers? It will be an unwise policy for Government to tolerate this kind of affair. At the start, the immigration control should not be too strict. Strictness should come gradually. Now that Hongkong is well-populated, it should advertise for its hospitality and give its visitors a pleasant impression. That is building for its future. In prosperity, we must not forget adversity. Let us recall the time when Hongkong was in slump and we made every effort to make a "Brighter Hongkong" in the hope of drawing visitors. Most of the residents here are visitors who had never been here before. We must make them feel such that they will like to come here again. In this kind of work, the Immigration Office has a lot to do, and let us hope that it will do its part.

Yours, etc.,  
AN OLD RESIDENT.

KOWLOON TONG  
ROBBERY

Mrs. S. C. Loo, residing at No. 8, Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong, has reported that some person or persons entered her bedroom, through the open window, between 2 and 4 a.m. on Sunday and stole \$140 in Hongkong currency, one platinum finger ring set with three diamonds valued at \$200, one platinum finger ring set with 16 small diamonds valued at \$100, one rolled-gold ladies' wrist-watch with band valued at \$65, and one Parker fountain pen.

OAKLANDS PATH  
CLOSURE

Notice is hereby given that the Officer Administering the Government proposed to make an order under the Streets (Alteration) Ordinance, 1923, for closing a portion of Oakland's Path near its junction with Lyttelton Road. This section of the path is diverted to a new alignment on a plan deposited in the office of the Director of Public Works.

Any person objecting to the proposed order must send his objection in writing to the Colonial Secretary so as to reach the office of the Colonial Secretary not later than December 28, 1940.

Such objection must state the reasons therefor and specify the property with regard to which objection is made, and the interest therein of the objector.

GLORY LITERATURE  
ASSOCIATION  
FORMED

The Editor, H.K. Daily Press.  
Sir.—I am so glad to write this letter that I have already established a literary association with the merely purpose to develop our youth in the taste of literature study. I have already planned everything for this new association. The name of our association is Glory Literature Association, there are now more than 60 members concluding English, Chinese, and Indian in our association. In the last few days I received quite a lot of letters sent from those who had read my letter in your valuable columns about two weeks ago, many of them said that they like to have a meeting every Saturday night to discuss any topic one may raise for discussion is quite worthy of introduction to us I have already suggested it for the regular work in our new association. Besides that, there are quite a lot of things that many readers proposed to me and I have also adopted more or less. For instance, to picnic, to study the new novels, to contribute essays to magazines, to have lectures from distinguished persons about how to study literature, and to be acquainted with literary men or women.

There is one thing that I should say, and I think it is quite funny when a Chinese as young as I has the taste to organize an association with the merely purpose to develop our youth in the taste of literature; but O! alah then is a girl who sent me a letter concerning about how to enrol herself to be a member, she said many things not very necessary so far as I should think, because she said things only for marriage and romance; but I only despise myself that I am not qualified to be her friend or other because I don't like to talk and to discuss things with strangers other than discussing literature. I hope this girl would excuse me as not to have replied her letter. To be frank, aiming literature in life is my merely and most favourite ideal business. I have no interest and taste in woman's love or girl's love. I am well-aware that woman's love is like cocoon. It is not permanent after all. It can give us nothing if it comes to the pessimistic side. I do hope by and by that I would largely open a big association. It is only a matter of enrolment of the members who come to help us if they think they would likely rendered their service to us. Our association is now only very small, but I do my best to extend it in the very near future, and I hope that those who like to see me and to enlighten me are kindly requested to come to my office place which is, No. 40, Hollywood Road, Nan Yang Commercial Academy. I shall be only too glad to see any body between at the time of 9 a.m. up to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. up to 7.30 p.m.

Conclusively, I should again thank the Editor of H.K. Daily Press for his great kindness to favour me by printing such a poor written letter in the esteemed and valuable paper. May I be excused if I would be considered as a man of nothing other than a man of money maker. No! Absolutely not a bit! I am just this kind of man, I should say, if not considering it as a flattery, that I am a very honest youth.

Yours, etc.,  
WONG SHIU LAU.

GIRLS' COLLEGE  
CELEBRATE 25TH  
ANNIVERSARY

The 25th anniversary of the Nanking Gilling Girls' College was celebrated locally by its alumnae here in the English Methodist Church Hall yesterday afternoon.

The principal speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. W.S. New, who gave an outline of the history of the College. Mrs. T. Ma and Bishop R.O. Hall also spoke. Prior to the celebrations, a Thanksgiving Service was conducted by the Rev. J. E. Sandbach. Mrs. Frank Kwok's report of the College Fund brought the affair to an end.

GOVERNOR HOST  
TO SCOUTS

His Excellency Lieutenant-General E. F. Norton, the Acting Governor, played host to about 500 boy scouts at an informal tea reception yesterday afternoon in Mountain Lodge.



## CARNARVON CASTLE SCORED VICTORY

### Though Unable To Catch Enemy Raider

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—The auxiliary merchant cruiser, H.M.S. CARNARVON CASTLE, which was engaged in an action with a German raider in the South Atlantic, docked today at 5 p.m. and landed seven dead and 10 wounded seamen.

Uruguayan officials, who boarded the Carnarvon Castle, declared they saw gaping holes of several direct hits above the waterline but observers, including newspapermen who were not allowed to the dock at which the Carnarvon Castle was berthed and who watched the arrival from a pier 500 yards away, report they were unable to see signs of serious damage.

### DUAL PURPOSE OF CZAKY'S VISIT TO BERLIN

BASLE, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—A development in Germany's diplomatic offensive must be sought in south-eastern Europe, says the Berlin correspondent of the Basler Nachrichten.

Developments in regard to France are not to be expected as M. Laval's proposed visit to Berlin is not to take place.

The correspondent adds that Berlin authoritative circles state that the visit of Count Czaky to Belgrade has two objects. Firstly, to improve relations between the Reich and Yugoslavia, and secondly, to improve relations between Hungary and Yugoslavia.

When these two countries have agreed to adhere to the Nazi new order in Europe the last element of opposition will be disposed of and admission to the Tripartite Pact will appear more attractive to Yugoslavia.

The correspondent declares that the Wilhelmstrasse denies that Switzerland and Sweden have been approached either to join the tripartite agreement or to declare an acknowledgement of German leadership in the new European order.

### DETAILS OF BRITISH AID FOR SPAIN

Details of further British aid for Spain were announced in a message from London yesterday.

One week after the signing of the Leningrad Agreement between Britain and Spain 5,000 tons of manganese ore and a shipment of jute is to be sent to Spain.

It is also revealed that the British Government has bought the entire crop of Spanish orange and is also investigating the possibility of making a large quantity of wheat available to Spain.

### WHEAT FOR SPAIN

Madrid, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—It is reported that the American Red Cross has arranged to ship 10,000 tons of wheat to Spain to relieve the wheat shortage.

### EQUAL TO "BEST IN WORLD"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—War planes now being produced in the United States are equal to the "best in the world," states the War Department.

Action taken before the bulk of the existing mass orders were placed, has corrected deficiencies disclosed by the war.

## Reported Britain-China Military Alliance

TOKYO, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—A Shanghai dispatch to a Japanese news agency asserts that negotiations are now proceeding between the British Ambassador to China and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek for the conclusion of a secret military alliance between Britain and China.

The agency attributed the report to a "reliable Chinese source" in Shanghai and added that the terms of the proposed alliance would include strenuous efforts by Great Britain to expedite war supplies to Chungking from India and Burma as well as Singapore.

Aircraft plants to be established in India, Burma and Singapore, from where latest type of aircraft could be sent to Chungking; and in case, Britain and Japan should be involved in war, the forces of Chiang Kai-shek are to

come under the command of the British Commander-in-Chief in the Far East.

### NO CONFIRMATION

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—No confirmation could be obtained in official London circles tonight of the Tokyo report, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

Official circles, however, are warning against speculative stories now being circulated regarding the present visit of the British Ambassador to Chungking.



His Excellency the Acting Governor in conversation with Col. H. B. Rose, Commandant, at the H.K.V.D.C. Fanling Camp yesterday. Also in the picture are Lt. Col. E. J. R. Mitchell, O.B.E., and Capt. S. H. Batty-Smith, A.D.C.—(King's Studio).

## FRENCH INDO-CHINA FRONTIER CLOSED TO PASSENGER TRAFFIC

CHUNGKING, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—The Chinese Government authorities have ordered the French Indo-China frontier to be closed to all passenger traffic, both foreign and Chinese, according to an official announcement circulated to the Foreign Consular Body.

The reason given is the inability of the Chinese authorities to guarantee the safety and lives of travellers along the 90-kilometre gap between the present termination of the Chinese section of the Yunnan Railway and the Indo-China frontier.

Two Frenchmen arrived at Kunming today, having been turned back under the new ordinance.

### CROSS BY FOOT

Hitherto a number of travellers attempted to cross by foot the area where the railway line has been torn up. The area is covered by a dense jungle. Moreover, it is extremely unhealthy.

Hokou, the Chinese frontier post, facing the French post at Lokay, is at present in the grip of an epidemic of malignant malaria from which many have died, the victims in many cases succumbing within eight hours of the onset of the attack.

A foreign missionary recently died there from this disease while attempting to transport goods belonging to the West China Union University at Chengtu and his successor, Dr. Crawford, well-known West China medical missionary, has been gravely ill from the same cause.

The R.A.F. is again calling for volunteers, it was announced in London, owing to the larger number of planes being produced, according to Reuter.

## ITALIANS STILL RETIRING ALONG SOUTHERN FRONT

### Greeks Occupy Important Strategic Heights

ATHENS, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—All the way along the southern front from Santi Quaranta to Premeti, the Italians are still retiring, leaving behind them large supplies of war materials.

Farther north, after meeting violent resistance, the Greeks have occupied important strategic heights at point of the bayonet. Prisoners were taken by the Greeks in all sectors.

Civilian towns were bombed by copolis sector, the Greeks today Italian aircraft yesterday, causing some casualties.

On Saturday night the Italian troops were fighting a fierce rear-guard action, writes Reuter's special correspondent on the Greek-Albanian frontier.

Today they were making desperate attempts to prevent the Greek forces advancing along the Skumbi River from reaching Kuvshinov where they would be able to cut the only road to Elbasan.

### SEVERE FIGHTING

Severe fighting is reported from many sectors in this northern front today. In south-west Pogradets, a battle has been raging throughout the day at the village of Podkopsa where the Italians have been using every means at their disposal to stem the Greek advance.

Further north, in the sector north-east of Pogradets the Greek forces advanced along the shore of Lake Ochrid to the village of Udrishite, whence they found their way to the line which the Italians had fortified in order to protect the road to Elbasan.

The result of the fierce hand-to-hand fighting between Evzones, crack Greek troops, and the Italians in the hills in this region yesterday was that the Greeks captured more than 600 prisoners, including one infantry colonel.

### GAIR HILL

After fierce fighting in the Mos-

## Gen. Shih Yu-Shan Executed

CHUNGKING, Dec. 8 (Central).—General Shih Yu-shan and his brother Shih Yu-tai, both commanding Chinese troops in the Yellow River regions in Honan, were executed on Dec. 4 and 5 by order of the Chinese High Command for insubordination and malpractices.

## ROOSEVELT ON TOUR OF LEASED BASES

President Roosevelt, is inspecting sites for naval and air bases leased to the United States by Britain, was expected in St. Lucia, in the Windward Islands, yesterday, stated a London message.

The President who is on board the U. S. A. Tuscaloosa, was in Jamaica on Thursday.

An acute shortage of food and clothing in Finland was reported by the crew of the Finnish freighter Wirta on arrival in New York after a 21-day voyage from Petsamo, says Reuter.

## FIFTH RESIGNATION IN FOUR WEEKS

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writes Reuter's Military commentator.

It is the signal of distress flying at the masthead of Signor Mussolini's ship of state.

If Marshal Badoglio resigned because Mussolini willed it then the event is proof of confusion and lack of confidence. It also proves a desperate need to do something spectacular whatever the risk in order to save the Italian army in Albania from destruction, and at the same time to do something to recover the prestige which has been so shattered by the Greek's courage, energy and military efficiency.

Mussolini may hope that a fresh mind may yet extricate him and the country from the full consequences of the terrible defeat which has been inflicted on them.

But is this the truth about Badoglio's replacement from the position as Chief of the Italian General Staff? To my mind, it is not.

However desperate the situation—and it is desperate—a change of the military chief now only emphasises in the eyes of the Italian people and the world the magnitude of the disaster. This is more so because Mussolini is not recalling the old experienced and trusted leader.

### UNKNOWN MAN

He is replacing Badoglio by a man who is unknown in the military world, one who has more experience in administration and as a politician than as a soldier in the field.

It is unlikely that Badoglio's retirement was due to any action by Mussolini.

Only one solution remains—that Badoglio resigned of his own free will. If this is so implications are even more important.

As a soldier, Badoglio, an officer of character and honour, would never desert his soldiers on the battlefield. But if he is hostile to the whole fascist regime and disagreed profoundly with the policy of the party, he would regard the matter from a totally different point of view. Was he concerned at the situation which the party had led the country and the degradation which has been imposed on the Royal house?

It has been impossible to move a step so far as would get rid of the fascist regime of the great poseur who stands at the head of

it, for he and his party held the gun and did not hesitate to use it.

### TIDE TURNING?

Does Badoglio feel that the tide is rapidly turning in Italy? Does he sense that the time is approaching when the leader who stand aside from the party will be called on by the country to head a revolt, drive out Mussolini and his family and bring Italy back to the constitution which upholds law and offers the Italian people peace and freedom? It is probable that this is the true meaning of his resignation.

In that case we may see great changes in Italy shortly. But the time for changes must be hastened by showers of blows on an already exhausted and staggering bully.

Purely military reasons, however safe and sound, should not be our only guide. Political reasons, understanding of the psychology of the soldier in the field as well as of the people in Italy, all demand energetic action and the delivery of heavy blows at this moment.

In all great struggles there is a moment when courage, energy and ready acceptance of some risk is the surest way to a decisive and complete victory. It may well be that such a moment has arrived.

### CRUSHING BLOW

A successful naval attack on Valona by British and Greek ships would be a crushing blow to the Italian Army in Albania. The attack might possibly be combined with the landing of Greek troops. They had already carried out such a combined operation on a small scale.

In Libya, it may be possible to deliver a heavy blow to Marshal Graziani's advance guard which has been somewhat rashly exposed and pushed forward to Sidi Barrani.

It would not be necessary to carry an invasion into the heart of Libya along a single waterless road. The aim would be to destroy Italian advance forces at Sidi Barrani and drive what is left—if any—out of Egypt.

Political and strategic effects of such a blow on Italy, on Herr Hitler, on Japan, and throughout the world would be immense.

The moment for such a blow is approaching, if indeed it has not already arrived.

## Big Haul Of Smuggled Gold

### SWOOP BY SHAI SEARCHERS

SHANGHAI, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—One of the largest hauls of smuggled gold in recent years was reported to have been made on Friday afternoon, when Customs searchers swooped down on the Butterfield & Swire steamer, Hsien Peking as it docked from Tientsin. They said they found a cache of 55 gold bars valued at \$320,000.

Though no arrests have been made, it is thought that members of the crew tried to smuggle the gold into Shanghai.

On past occasions, large quantities of gold and other precious metals have been smuggled into the International Settlement from points in occupied China to prevent seizure by the Japanese.

## MEXICAN BASES FOR U.S. NAVY

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Twelve over-age destroyers are said to be involved in a "destroyers for naval bases" deal which the United States is about to conclude with Mexico. It was stated in New York on Saturday.

Cables to the New York Times from Mexico City state that the information is based on an "official source" and adds that the deal will follow the lines of that between the United States and Britain.

It is stated a formal agreement will be signed in Washington and "it is believed the bases will be leased not ceded and at least one will be a highly strategic base on the Pacific coast."

### REPORTS DENIED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Mr. Cordell Hull today stated that there is no truth in the Mexico City reports that the United States is negotiating with Mexico to exchange United States destroyers for the use of naval bases and facilities in Mexico.

General Sir Hubert Gough, who was chief of the Allied Mission to the Baltic in 1919, sent a message to Finland on Friday, when that country celebrated Independence Day, says Reuter.

## \$300,000,000 FOR U.S. A-A DEFENCES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Col. Frank Knox, Secretary for the Navy, has asked Congress to authorise the spending of \$300,000,000 for strengthening the anti-aircraft defences on the navy's fighting ships.

### FAROUK'S GIFT

CAIRO, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—King Farouk has given \$3,000,000 for the Navy, has asked Congress to authorise the spending of \$300,000,000 for strengthening the anti-aircraft defences on the navy's fighting ships.

CHUNGKING, Dec. 8 (Central).—The China Branch of the International Peace Campaign has cabled to President Roosevelt, expressing China's gratitude for the extension of the U.S.\$100,000,000 loan to China on the occasion of the signing of the Japan-Nanking treaty.

They include orders to annihilate the Greek frontier guards by surprise and a proclamation dated Oct. 28 (two days before Italy sent her ultimatum to Greece) was issued to the Ferrara division, saying: "We are looking forward into Epirus. The day has come. We must conquer."

## AVIATION SPIRIT TO ITALY

ROME, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—The Rumanian Government has authorised the export of a certain amount of aviation spirit to Italy in exchange for a certain quantity of lead, says a Bucharest telegram to the official Italian Agency.

## EPIC STORY OF H.M.S. KELLY'S 91-HOUR TRIP IN SINKING CONDITION

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Behind the brief announcement made by the Admiralty in London on Saturday that the destroyer H.M.S. Kelly is now back in commission, lies one of the most thrilling stories of the war at sea—the saga of a 91-hour trip by the destroyer, crippled and sinking, from the German coast to the safety of a British port.

Only then was it revealed that H.M.S. Kelly made a thrilling trip after being torpedoed, in the course of which she was attacked by aircraft and was rammed by a German E-boat in heavy fog, as long ago as last May.

Kelly was leader of a flotilla of British destroyers which were engaged in operations against enemy minelayers on the German coast when she was torpedoed and badly damaged by a Nazi E-boat.

### FAIRLY INTENSE BOMBARDMENT

German long-range guns opened up again shortly before noon yesterday, states a message from London.

The bombardment was brief but fairly intense. Only a light mist hides the French coast.

## MRS. DEEGAN TO BE RELEASED SOON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Mrs. Elizabeth Deegan, United States Embassy clerk detained by the Germans in Paris, is being held in a small private hotel, according to a report received by the State Department from the United States Charge d'Affaires in Paris.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—As the search for Edward T. ("Jack") Riley, Shanghai slot-machine king, who jumped bail of U.S.\$25,000, continues, the United States Court authorities yesterday warned that any American aiding the wanted man to escape capture would face Federal action with the possibility of getting a prison sentence of three years or more.

### THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 75° and the minimum 63°.

Total rainfall since Jan. 1 is 117.55 inches against an average of 84.36.

The Royal Observatory report states:—

A strong anticyclone covers China, pressure being highest to the north of the Yangtze Valley.

Depressions to the north of Hokkaido and south-east of Tokyo are moving eastward.

The depression to the east of Luzon is filling up, or moving north-eastward.

## Indo-China Forces Fail To Counter-Attack

SHANGHAI, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Despite the crossing of Indo-China on Friday by Thai troops at Poiwet and the machine-gunning of Poiwet by Thai war planes, the Indo-China forces have failed to counter-attack, according to a Japanese report from Hanoi reaching Shanghai.

The planes are said to have acted in concert with troops crossing the frontier in Cambodia while later Thai planes allegedly bombed Vientiane.

One Japanese report says that it is believed the undersea cable from Indo-China to Singapore was severed because there is said to have been no response from Singa-



## HOCKEY ASSCN. TOURNAMENT

### UNIVERSITY CAUSE SURPRISE

The most attractive match on yesterday's programme in the Hockey Association Tournament failed to come off.

The game between Royal Engineers and Police "A", to have been played at Sookunpoo, failed to materialise to the annoyance of a good number of spectators who had turned out to watch.

However, University provided the day's surprise by holding off a strong A.N. Others XI, with a star centre-forward and all the other trimmings, and by further denting what appeared to be a promising future for a newly reorganised team by scoring a single goal. The match was played at Pokfulam.

Hans Raj worked the trick for the undergraduates, who were once more as good a team as they were against the Punjabis last week. K. Y. Tam at left-half was University's outstanding player and the forward line were combining better yesterday.

#### OTHER GAMES

C.B.A. beat the Nomads by six goals to one. The half-time score was 4-0. The Nomads tried hard for a while but were nowhere near their early season form. E. Fowler (3), F. Fowler (2) and B. I. Bickford scored the goals.

At Boundary Street, Destroyers found the Police ground rather difficult going and sometimes required all the use of their seagulls to keep on their feet. Khalas, with previous experience of the ground, found things easier but were handicapped in some other strange wise, failing to net more than twice with a full First XI taking the field.

Signals beat Gunboats at King's Park by two goals to nil in the only other match played. Halstead and Price scored the goals. Punjabis did not turn up at Lyceum for the match against 5th A.A. "B".

#### TOURNAMENT TABLE

	Goals
P. W.D. L. F. A. P.H.	
R. Engineers	4 4 0 0 18 6 8
5th A.A. "A"	5 4 0 1 15 10 8
Recreo	3 3 0 0 10 1 6



Jack Buchanan, British stage, screen, and radio star, with Canadian compere Gerry Wilmet, broadcasting in the "Starlight" feature of the BBC's Overseas short-wave service.

## ARMY BILLIARDS

The following games in the Garrison Billiards Tournament will be decided today:—

R.A.P.C. v. Royal Signals: 12th Hvy. Regt. v. Fortress, R.E.; C. M. Police v. R.A.M.C.; R.A.S.C. v. R.A.O.C.; 5th A.A. v. 2/Royal Scots.

Police "A"	3	3	0	0	11	2	5
Khalas	4	3	0	1	11	3	6
R. Signals	6	3	0	3	11	1	6
Police "B"	2	2	0	0	6	2	4
Punjabis	3	2	0	1	7	5	4
C.B.A.	5	2	0	3	10	9	4
5th A.A. "B"	4	2	0	2	7	8	4
Gunboats	5	2	0	3	9	10	4
Nomads	5	2	0	3	8	17	4
2nd M.T.B.'s	3	1	0	2	4	11	2
A.N. Others	6	1	0	5	8	13	2
University	6	1	0	5	8	20	2
Destroyers	4	0	0	4	0	12	0

## HOCKEY WIN FOR H.K. LADIES

Hongkong Ladies beat St. Andrew's Ladies by four clear goals in a friendly hockey match played at the Valley on Saturday. Miss M. Booker (2), Miss N. Quin and Miss M. Simpson scored the goals.

Y.M.C.A. beat a Royal Scots' side by five goals to one at King's Park. Smith (3), Spare and Morgan scored for "Y." and Hitchcock for the losers.

St. Andrew's Club beat Y.M.C.A. juniors by a single goal at King's Park. Dorrner scored.

## SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The following are the results of the Softball games played yesterday.

#### LADIES

Wild Cats	29	13	3
Chung Wah	3	0	17
Cardinals	42	21	5
Little Flower Club	6	7	25
Canadian Chinese	11	14	2
Baby Panthers	3	2	5

#### FIRST DIVISION

St. Joseph's	5	5	5
Canadian Chinese	2	4	6
Chinese Baseball Club	8	11	5
H.K. Baseball Club	7	7	4

#### SECOND DIVISION

V. R. C.	18	-	-
R. E.	2	-	-
R. A.	7	-	-
C. B.	6	-	-

#### HONG GAMES

Lacas	8	-	-
Green Spots	6	-	-
Shell	20	-	-
Taxaco	4	-	-

The following is a list of unclaimed telegrams lying at Cable and Wireless Ltd.:—Via Cable: 2nd Lt. G. H. Fairclough, 5th Anti-aircraft Regt., from Singapore. Via Radio: Associated, 33 Connaught Road, from Hongkong.

## CENTURIES BY LAWRENCE, TAM

### MACAULEY'S FINE BOWLING

Centuries by J. F. Lawrence, for H.K.C.C. "A" XI, and by K. Y. Tam, for University, featured the junior friendly match between the two elevens on Saturday. University won by seven wickets.

Lawrence scored 100 out of 138 in 85 minutes, hitting one six and 21 boundaries. He hit 27 runs off G. Hong Choy in a single over. Tam batted 120 minutes for his 100 not out, hitting 16 boundaries.

The best bowling performance of the afternoon was J. Macauley's 7 for 14 for Diocesan "Boys" School against St. Joseph's College.

Saturday's cricket scores were:

#### C.S.C.C. DEFEATED

Kowloon Cricket Club beat Civil Service Cricket Club by two wickets at the Valley. Civil Service C.C.—109 (F. Baker 30 not out, F. R. Zimmer 4, for 32, R. E. Lee 3 for 33), Kowloon C.C.—118 for 8 wickets (E. F. Fincher 25, D. Hung 30, F. Baker 3 for 22).

#### H.K.C.C. LOSE BY 7 WICKETS

University beat Hongkong Cricket Club "A" XI by seven wickets at Chater Road. H.K.C.C. "A" XI 177 for 5 wickets, dec. (J. F. Lawrence 100, J. L. C. Pearce 29 not out), University 193 for 3 wickets. (K. Y. Tam 100 not out, G. Hong Choy 46 not out).

#### NARROW WIN FOR TAMAR

H.M.S. Tamar beat Craigengower Cricket Club by 24 runs at the Valley. H.M.S. Tamar—153 (K. R. West 42, Honeywell 26, G. Souza 5 for 63), Craigengower—129 (A. Hung 30, Souza 33, A. K. Ismail 38, Allison 3 for 44, L. Brown 4 for 14).

#### I.R.C. BEAT P.R.C.

Indian Recreation Club 2nd XI beat Police Recreation Club by 33 runs at the Valley. I.R.C. 2nd XI—113 (C. Pope 4 for 45, A. E. Carey 5 for 23), Police—80 (A. el Arcull 3 for 21, M. R. Abbas 4 for 28).

#### R.A.O.C.-R.A.P.C. DRAW

Royal Army Ordnance Corps drew with Royal Army Pay Corps at Sookunpoo. R.A.O.C. 153 for 7 wickets, dec. (Barra 31, Emberson 38, Lockhurst 5 for 32), R.A.P.C.:

## VALLEY TRAINING GALLOPS

The following times were clocked during the training gallops at Happy Valley on Saturday morning:—

	Dis- tance	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	5th Qr.	Last Qr.
Cockleol	1	31.3	1.02.1	1.30			27.4
Triumphant Day	1	32.2	1.13.2	1.42.2			29
Clember	1	32.3	1.06	1.36			30
Surprise Again	1	39	1.17	1.47.2			30.2
Tornado Star	1	41	1.24.3	2.01.3			27
Red Feather	1	39.4	1.17	1.52.2	2.24.3		32.1
Craigayad	1	38.3	1.13.3	1.46	2.17		31.4
Royal Highness	1	38.3	1.25	2.04	2.35.4		29.4
O-Lan	1	38.2	1.13.2	1.47	2.16.4		32
Jane Doe	1	35.4	1.09	1.41			30.2
Lilliber	1	36	1.11	1.45	2.15.2		30.2
Sea Urchin	1	36	1.09.2	1.41.3	2.12		30.2
Rising Star	1	35	1.05.4	1.35.4			30
Far View	1	34	1.05.2		2.03		35.2
Attacking Time	1	39.2	1.17	1.52.2			29.1
Baffin Bay	1	34	1.09.3	1.45.4	2.18.2	2.47.3	32.4
Emergency Unit	1	40.3	1.17.3	1.53.1	2.28		28.2
Viceroy	1	29.3	1.00	1.32	2.00.2		30.3
Taxing Master	1	45	1.23	1.55	2.25.3		35
Dawn Star	1	34.3	1.10	1.45	2.20		30.3
Rootly	1	30	1.01.1	1.31.4			34
Piet Hein	1	40	1.21	1.58.2	2.32.2		30.2
Lovely Star	1	41	1.15.3	1.49	2.19.2		31
Blue Field	1	32.2	1.06.1	1.40.2	2.11.2		33.4
Salvage Master	1	44.3	1.27	2.03.2	2.37.1		28.3
Double Finesse	1	38.2	55	1.23.3			29
Quick Despatch	1	36	1.08.2	1.39	2.08		30.2
Sapper	1	33.2	1.06.2	1.37	2.07.2		30.3
Eye of Harvest	1	34	1.07.1	1.37.2	2.08		31
Kentucky	1	35	1.44	2.15			

123 for 7 wickets. (Murray 76 not out, Standing 3 for 25).

#### ST. JOSEPH'S BOY TO D.B.S.

Diocesan Boys' School beat St. Joseph's College by three wickets at Homuntin. St. Joseph's College—45 (J. Macauley 7 for 14), D.B.S.—85 (A. Ebrahim 32, H. G. Asome 6 for 45, S. K. Khan 4 for 37).

#### SCHOOL-BOYS LOSE TO RECREO

Recreo "A" beat Schoolboys' XI by 33 runs at King's Park. Recreo "A"—94 (E. L. Gosano 29 not out, L. Remedios 5 for 33, A. Brown 5 for 35), School Boys' XI—61 (E. A. R. Alves 4 for 23).

#### K.C.C. DRAW WITH C.A.C.C.

Kowloon Cricket Club 2nd XI drew with Civil Service C.C. 2nd XI at Cox's Path. C.S.C.C. 2nd XI—181 for 7 wickets, dec. (F. E. Lawrence 72, W. H. Colledge 49, E. Curtis 3 for 37, W. W. Parsons 3 for 27), K.C.C. 2nd XI—171 for 7 wickets. (B. D. Lay 28, S. A. Gray 32, R. J. Fenton 38, G. Ainslie 3 for 51).

## HOME RUGGER RESULTS

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—The following are the results of the Rugby League matches played at Home yesterday:—

Bradford 30, York 10.  
Leeds 17, Castleford 13.  
Featherstone 3, Wakefield 8.  
Huddersfield 13, Batley 12.  
Hall 37, Bramley 5.  
Keighley 6, Huddersfield 3.  
Leeds 28, Halifax 7.  
Oldham 18, Liverpool 13.  
Warrington 5, Wigan 10.  
Leigh 0, Salford 38.

#### GLoucester's BIG WIN

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—The following are the results of Home Rugby matches played:—  
Guy's Hospital 13, Rosslyn P. 18.  
Rosslyn Park 15, Army XV 6.  
Aldershot Command 11, St. Bart's Hospital 9.  
Bedford 21, Metropolitan Police 5.  
Gloucester 22, Army XV 6.

## LAMMERTS' AUCTIONS

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Ho Sing, 11.4.1935, \$13.05, Unknown deceased, 9.10.1935, \$6.71, Chater Singh, 13.3.1933, \$34.09.

### POLICE FIELD MEET

Police held a field meet for the Chinese and Indian members yesterday afternoon at the Police Sports Club grounds, Boundary Street.

Prizes were distributed Mrs. C. G. Perdue, wife of the Acting Commissioner of Police.

Oxford 9, Cambridge 11.  
Cardiff 12, New Zealand Army 3.  
Wasps 15, Old Blues 3.

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## FOREIGN MARKETS &amp; QUOTATIONS

## BANKS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE  
CLOSING QUOTATIONS  
DECEMBER 7, 1940.

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credit 4 months sight 1/2 7/8	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand 330	
On Singapore:—	
On demand 62 3/4	
On Japan:—	
On demand 100	
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/8	
On demand 100	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 23 7/16	
Credit 60 days sight 24 3/16	
On Batavia:—	
On demand 43 7/8	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credit 4 months sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand 101 3/4	
On Manila:—	
On demand 46 7/8	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand 147 1/2	
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate Nom.	
Bar Silver per oz. 23	

## Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

December 7.

Silver prices rose 1/16 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 23 for Ready and Forward. Silver advices reported the market as being steady but quiet. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402-1/2. New York-London was quoted at 403-1/8.

## MARKET

## STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 December, buyers at 1/2-1/3 for Cash.

## U. S. DOLLARS

No business was reported. There were sellers at 23 3/4 for Cash, buyers at 23 13/16 for Cash.

## SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Some business was arranged at 390 and also 395 3/4. The market closed with sellers at 395, buyers at 395 1/2.

## SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling sellers for Spot at 35 1/8 at the opening and closed with sellers at 35 3/8 for Spot. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 6. Subsequently the rate receded to 5 3/8 and at the close sellers for Spot were again quoted at 6.

## Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 7 (Reuters).

## Official T.T. Rates

	Opening	Closing
London	0/3-11/16	0/3-11/16
New York	5-3/4	5-3/4
Japan	24-3/8	24-3/8
India	20-3/8	20-3/8
Hongkong	24-1/2	24-1/2

## Sterling

	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-51/64	0/3-49/64
Dec.	0/3-25/32	0/3-47/64
Jan.	0/3-25/32	0/3-49/64

## U.S. Dollars

	Opening	Closing
Spot	55	55-31/32
Dec.	5	5-31/32
Jan.	5-31/32	5-31/32

## Market—Uncertain.

## Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/4.

## The Equalisation rate was 215 per cent.

## India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Dec. 7 (Reuters). Govt. 3 1/2 Rupee, 94-0-0.

## Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Dec. 7 (Reuters). T.T. on Japan, 81-1/4.

## LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 6 (Reuters). Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle Price, 227-1/8.

Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle Price, 229-7/8.

Market quiet.

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW  
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, December 7, 1940.		Previous		Dec. 7		
		Close	Opening	Closing	Change	
SINGAPORE RUBBER						
S P O T		38-3/4	38-1/2	38-5/8	off 1/8	
JAN-MARCH		37-3/4	37-1/2	37-7/8		
APRIL-JUNE		36-1/2	36-1/4	36-5/8	up 1/8	
The market was steady.						
LONDON RUBBER						
		Previous close	Today's close		Change	
S P O T		11-7/8				
JANUARY		12-1/16				
FEBRUARY		12-3/16				
APRIL-JUNE		12-1/4				
JULY-SEPT.		12-1/8				
NEW YORK COTTON: Bombay interests are reported to be buying July and October on straddles. Local spot houses are selling.						
CHICAGO WHEAT: Steady on reports of credits to Spain, the market was, otherwise, quiet.						
NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 130.33; Today's close, 131.29; Change up .96.						

## NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTERS SERVICE)

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.28	10.21	10.25	02 off
New York Rubber, March			20.35	20.45 10 up
Chicago Wheat, May	86 1/2	85	85 1/2	08 1 up
Chicago Corn, May	60 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	00 1 up
New York Hides, March	12.65	12.63	12.60	12.64 04 up
NEW YORK COTTON				
	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
Dec. (New contract)	10.23/23	10.18/18	10.18/18	05 off
January	10.15 N	10.09/12a	10.11 N	04 off
March	10.25/27	10.21/21	10.23/23	02 off
May	10.19/19	10.14/15	10.17/17	02 off
July	9.99/99	9.94/94	9.94/94	05 off
October	9.41/41	9.36/36	9.40a	01 off
Spot	10.23 N	10.18 N	10.18 N	05 off
Total sales Friday—82,500 bales. —possible mutilation				
NEW YORK RUBBER				
		unquoted	20.70b	15 up
January	20.55b	20.31b/44a	20.45b/52a	10 up
March	20.35/35	20.10b/20a	20.25b/30a	10 up
May	20.15/15	19.85/85	20.05b/15a	12 up
July (New contract)	19.93 N			
Total sales—50 tons.				
CHICAGO WHEAT				
May	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	1 up
July	81 1/8	81 1/8	82 1/8	1 up
Friday's sales—10,901,000 bushels.				
CHICAGO CORN				
May	59 1/2	59 1/2	60/80	1 up
July	59 1/2	59 1/2	60 1/2	1 up
NEW YORK HIDES				
March	12.60/60	12.60b/60a	12.64b	04 up
June	12.40/40	12.40b	12.45/45	06 up
Total sales for the day—23 contracts.				
N.Y. Official Silver 34-3/4				
N.Y.-London Cross Rate 4.03-1/2				

## LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTERS SERVICE)

London, Dec. 6.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

## War Loan, 3 1/2 (Red, after 1932)

102-11/16

Defence Loan, 3 1/2 102

Jantion-K'loon Rly. 5% 12

Chinese 4 1/2 Gold Loan, 1898 (Brit. Issue) 38 1/2

Chin. 4 1/2 Anglo-French Loan, 1908 41-48

Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912 20

Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.) 31

Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers) 10

Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% 47

Loan 18

Hankow Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue) 15

Hankow Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue) 13

Lang Tsing &amp; U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913 14

Shai-N'King Rly. 5% 15

Pientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.) 15

Pientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.) 15

Pientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 15

Pientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 15

Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1924 31

Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924 6

Chartered Bank 7 1/2

H.K. &amp; Shai Bank (Ldn. Reg.) 7 1/2

H.K. &amp; Shai Bank (Col. Reg.) 7 1/2

Chinese Eng. &amp; Mining (bearer) 16/3

## JAPAN HARD HIT BY IRON EMBARGO

TOKYO, Dec. 8 (Reuters)—The

Chairman, a Director and five auditors of one of Japan's largest iron-manufacturing concerns announced their resignation yesterday.

Reasons given were the strained international situation, the embargo on scrap iron exports to Australia and the United States and the embargo on pig-iron exports by India, which made it impossible to carry on.

## SILVER MARKET

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Dec. 7 (Reuters).

Market—Steady. Offtake 100 bars.

## Indian Mint Silver

Ready 61-00

Dec. 27 Settlement 60-15

Jan. 22 Settlement 60-14

Chosen Corporation 4/-

Mercantile Bank of India, 25, "G" 10 1/2

Pekin Syndicate 2/-

Shai Elec. Contr. Co. 15/-

Shai Waterworks "A" 13 1/2

Union Insurance 20

Gula Kalumpung Rubber 15 1/2

Lon. Mid. &amp; Scot. Rly. 14 1/2

Great Western Rly. 33 1/2

National Bank of India 30 1/2

S.A. Tob. (bearer) 83/9

Dunlop Rubber 31 1/4

Bristol Aeroplane 9/10 1/2

Imperial Chemical Ind 28/3

United Steel 21

Woolworths 53/9

Marmat. Investments 7/8

Western Holdings 9/8

Sub-Nigel 162/8

Shell Trans. &amp; Trad. (bearer) 33/9

—bid. —ex div.

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

## QUOTATION

(REUTERS SERVICE)

DECEMBER 8, 1940.

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Dec. 7	Dec. 7	Dec. 7	Dec. 7
Adams Express	5 1/2	Loew's Inc.	36 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	23 1/2	Loft Incorporated	19 1/2
Allis Chalmers	34 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.	28 1/2
Aluminum Ind.	72 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	32 1/2
Amer. Can.	89 1/2	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	28 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	34 1/2	Montgomery Ward	37 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	11	N. Main City Copper Co.	38
Amer. Locomotive	14 1/2	National Aviation	10 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	18 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2
Amer. Radiator	7	National Distillers	17 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	15 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	23 1/2
Amer. S. & W. Rng. Co.	43 1/2	National Supply Corp.	6 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	13 1/2	New York Central	13 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	169	Niagara Hudson Power	31
Amer. Tobacco "B"	69 1/2	N. American Aviation	17 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	64	North American Co.	18 1/2
Anacosta Copper	28	Northern Pacific	6 1/2
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	17	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	45 1/2
Aviation Corp.	4 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	27 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	16 1/2	Packard Motors	3 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	31	Pan-American Airways	18 1/2
Barber Asphalt Co.	10 1/2	Paramount Pictures	1 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	9	Pennsylvania R.R.	24 1/2
Bendix Aviation	32 1/2	Philadelphia Read. Coal	4 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	87	Phillips Petroleum	40 1/2
Bias & Co.	14 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	28 1/2
Buick Airplane Co.	18 1/2	Pullman Inc.	26
Borg-Warner	20 1/2	Pure Oil	8 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	25	Radio Corp. of Am.	5
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	5	Reading Company, Com.	13 1/2
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	31	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	6 1/2
Case, J.I.	63	Republic Aviation Corp.	1 1/2
Celanese	29 1/2	Republic Steel	22 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	43 1/2	Revere Corp.	11 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	77	Reynold Tobac. "B"	33 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	44	Safeway Stores	42 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	31	Schenley Distillers	10
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	13 1/2	Sears Roebuck	77 1/2
Consolidated Edison	21 1/2	Shell Union Oil	10 1/2
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2	Southern-Vacuum Oil	8 1/2
Continental Can.	38 1/2	Southern Pacific	8 1/2
Continental Oil	19 1/2	Southern Rly. 45 pfd.	21 1/2
Copperweld Steel	19	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	35
Curtis Wright (C.)	94	Standard Brands	6 1/2
Curtis Wright "A"	284	Stand. Gas & Elec.	1
Deere & Co.	20 1/2	Standard Oil of California	17 1/2
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	73	Standard Oil of N.J.	33 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	78	Stone & Webster	7 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	163	Studebaker Corp.	8
Eagle Picher Lead	109	Swift International	17 1/2
Eaton Mfg. Co.	34	Technicolor	9 1/2
Elec. Autolite	35 1/2	Texas Corp.	38 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	4	Texas Gulf Sulphur	35 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 45 pf.	57 1/2	Timken-Axle	20 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 48 pf.	64 1/2	Trans-America Co.	44 1/2
Elec. Power & Light 47 pf.	31 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	5 1/2
Flintkote	162	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	10 1/2
Gen. American Trans.	55 1/2	Union Carbide & Carbon	71
Gen. Electric	33 1/2	Union Pacific	70 1/2
Gen. Motors	49 1/2	United Aircraft	42 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	152	United Airlines Trans.	15 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	12 1/2	United Corp.	1 1/2
Glidden Co.	13 1/2	United Corp. 48 cum pf.	28 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	133	United Gas Corp.	15 1/2
Goodrich 45 pf.	62 1/2	United Gas Improvement	10
Goodyear Tire & Co.	17 1/2	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	21 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore	18	U.S. Rubber	24
Great Northern Rly. pfd.	26 1/2	U.S. Rubber 48 pfd.	88 1/2
Great Western Sugar	20 1/2	U.S. Smelting	89 1/2
Greyhound Corp.	11 1/2	U.S. Steel	89 1/2
Hercules Powder Co.	70 1/2	Vanadium	33 1/2
Homestake Mining	51 1/2	Valtee Aircraft	8 1/2
Int. Nickel	23 1/2	Walworth Co.	5 1/2
Inter. Paper & Power	16 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	3 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel.	12 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	103 1/2
Kennecott Copper	34 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.	32 1/2
Lake Powder & Mac.	38 1/2	Chase National Bank	32 1/2
Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	43 1/2	National City Bank	27 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	30 1/2		

## DOW JONES AVERAGE

1940			Dec. 8, 1940				Dec. 9, 1940,				
High	Low	Dow Jones Averages	Dec. 8,	High	Low	Close	Change	High	Low	Close	Change
112.80	111.84	30 Industrials	130.33	131.43	130.45	131.29	-.08				
32.67	32.16	30 Rails	27.57	27.81	27.57	27.80	-.02				
28.45	28.03	30 Utilities	20.15	20.19	20.06	20.14	-.04				
90.90	82.06	40 Bonds	90.18			90.23	0.04				
64.07	48.47	11 Commodity Index	55.62			57.47	-.08				



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ASAHA MARU Tuesday, 10th Dec.  
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HAIPHONG, SAIGON & MADRAS  
GENOA MARU Tuesday, 7th Jan.  
(Cargo accepted for Haiphong & Saigon)  
BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.  
ONOE MARU Wednesday, 11th Dec.  
RANGOON & CALUTTA via Singapore  
LIMA MARU Friday, 13th Dec.  
MATUMOTO MARU Saturday, 28th Dec.  
KOBE & YOKOHAMA  
NITTA MARU Thursday, 19th Dec.  
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# TURKEY TO ACT AS MEDIATOR IN ITALO-GRAECO WAR

ZURICH, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Exaggerated reports appear to have been cabled to London about Germany's attitude towards Italy's war with Greece.

To judge by telegrams received here from London an impression had been conveyed there that Swiss correspondents in Berlin have reported a desire on the part of the Wilhelmstrasse to induce Italy to come to terms with Greece and to cut her losses.

This is not correct. The only reference to the matter in the Swiss press appears in the Zurich newspaper, Die Tat, whose Berlin correspondent carries a suggestion current there that Turkey is mediating between Italy and Greece.

The insinuation that the Germans are obviously trying to convey is that Turkey is coming into Germany's diplomatic game.

# ANOTHER R.A.F. RAID ON ASSAB

CAIRO, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Yet another raid was made on Assab and a nearby large motor transport concentration, states Saturday's R.A.F. communiqué.

Photographs taken during this raid revealed that damage done by the raids on Nov. 24 and 25 were considerable, two dumps being completely destroyed by fires.

On Dec. 5 Neguelli, Moyale and Mega were raided by aircraft of the South African Air Force. Several direct hits with high explosives were obtained on targets in each of these areas, causing considerable damage.

On Dec. 6 normal reconnaissances were carried out. In the Western Desert weather conditions were very bad and restricted operations.

# WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m. Dec. 8

Barometer (at sea level), 30.17 ins.

Temperature, 71 F.

Humidity, 65 per cent.

Wind Direction, NE

Wind Force (Beaufort), 2

Temperature: maximum yesterday, 77 F.

Temperature: Minimum last night, 63 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 117.59 ins.

Against an average of 24.36 ins.

Sunset tonight, 5.39 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6.53 a.m.

4 p.m., Dec. 8.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.08 ins.

Temperature, 70 F.

Humidity, 72 per cent.

Wind Direction, ESE.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.

Maximum temperature, 75 F.

Minimum temperature, 63 F.

Rainfall, nil.

# HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 9 to 15 Dec. 1940.

Days of Week	Date of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Mon.	9	h.m.	f.m.	h.m.	f.m.
		04.5	4.9	11.04	2.9
		18.29	6.0		
Tues.	10	18.29	6.0	00.40	3.7
		14.54	6.4	11.50	3.1
		07.25	4.6	01.28	3.2
		19.15	6.6	12.30	2.2
Wed.	11	19.26	7.1	13.07	3.3
		08.07	4.6	09.43	3.1
Thurs.	12	20.03	7.4	13.45	3.3
		09.50	4.7	09.23	1.6
Fri.	13	20.25	7.7	14.18	3.4
Sat.	14	10.28	4.7	03.58	1.2
Sun.	15	21.08	8.1	14.50	3.4

# NAZI AIRBASES RAIDED

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Further reports have been received of the blows delivered by the R.A.F. on Friday night. Ranging far over occupied France and the Low Countries, the R.A.F. sought out the airbases from which the Luftwaffe launched its night raids on Britain.

From nightfall till the hours after midnight large forces of bombers made sudden swoops and intensive attacks on aerodromes from the plain of Orleans to Holland. A train of explosions and fires marked their tour, the ferocity of which is indicated by the fact that two aircraft failed to return.

INVASION PORTS BOMBED  
Some machines went down to 500 feet and the aerodromes were raked with machine-gun fire. Invasions ports were not neglected—bombs crashing on docks at Calais, Dunkirk and Boulogne.

One of the British pilots who bombed an aerodrome in the Low Countries played hide and seek for an hour with enemy aircraft which tried unsuccessfully to shoot him down.

While the R.A.F. were carrying out these attacks German bombing was much reduced, not a single bomb falling in London.

# LITTLE ENEMY ACTIVITY

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—German air activity over Britain during daylight yesterday was again on a very small scale and mainly confined to the east and south-east coast.

# NO ENEMY RAIDS REPORTED

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—No German aircraft were reported over Britain up to 9 p.m. (G.M.T.) last night—well past the hour at which raids usually begin.

Weather conditions in German-occupied territory and, perhaps, the hammering the R.A.F. gave to the Luftwaffe night bases on Friday night, may be among factors responsible.

It is always the weather that deters raiders but the cumulative effect of several days' rain may have left French, Belgian and Dutch airfields waterlogged.

It is hereby notified for general information that notice of the extension to Hongkong of the Convention with Switzerland regarding Legal Proceedings in the Civil and Commercial Matters was given to the Swiss Government in a note bearing date April 17, 1940. In accordance with Articles

# HELLENIC TRADER AGAIN DETAINED BY JAPANESE

For the second time within a period of one month, a Panama vessel, s.s. Hellenic Trader, was held up by the Japanese Navy at Hothow on Friday afternoon according to authoritative information received, by the local agents for the ship, stating that the reason given by the Japanese authorities for the detention of the ship was to verify its nationality. It may be recalled that, the Japanese authorities detained the ship on similar grounds about a month ago when she was held up in Tientsin for some ten days.

It is learned that the Hongkong Consul-General for Panama, Mr. F.A. Xavier, has protested to the Japanese Consul-General in Hongkong, Mr. S. Yano, indicating that any damage done to the ship would be at the responsibility of the Japanese Government. He also requested that the ship be released as soon as possible.

The s.s. Hellenic Trader formerly belonged to the Greek Consul in Shanghai. She went aground in the Hainan Straits last Tuesday and proceeded to Hothow for repair. On the eve of her departure she was detained.

# AMERICAN NAVAL BUILDING

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—America's naval building programme has been greatly accelerated, the U.S. National Defence Commission announces.

Ships are being commissioned at the rate of one every 12 days. The time for the construction of submarines has been reduced from 30 to 24 months, while destroyers are being launched three months ahead of time-table.

# BRITISH ORDERS

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Sixty fast 10,000-ton merchant ships are to be built in the United States for Britain, it is reported.

The British Purchasing Mission and the U.S. Maritime Commission are reported to have worked out a plan whereby certain parts for the ships will be built inland and sent to the shipyards for assembly.

8 (b) the extension came into force on May 17, 1940. A copy of the Convention may be seen on application at the Colonial Secretariat.

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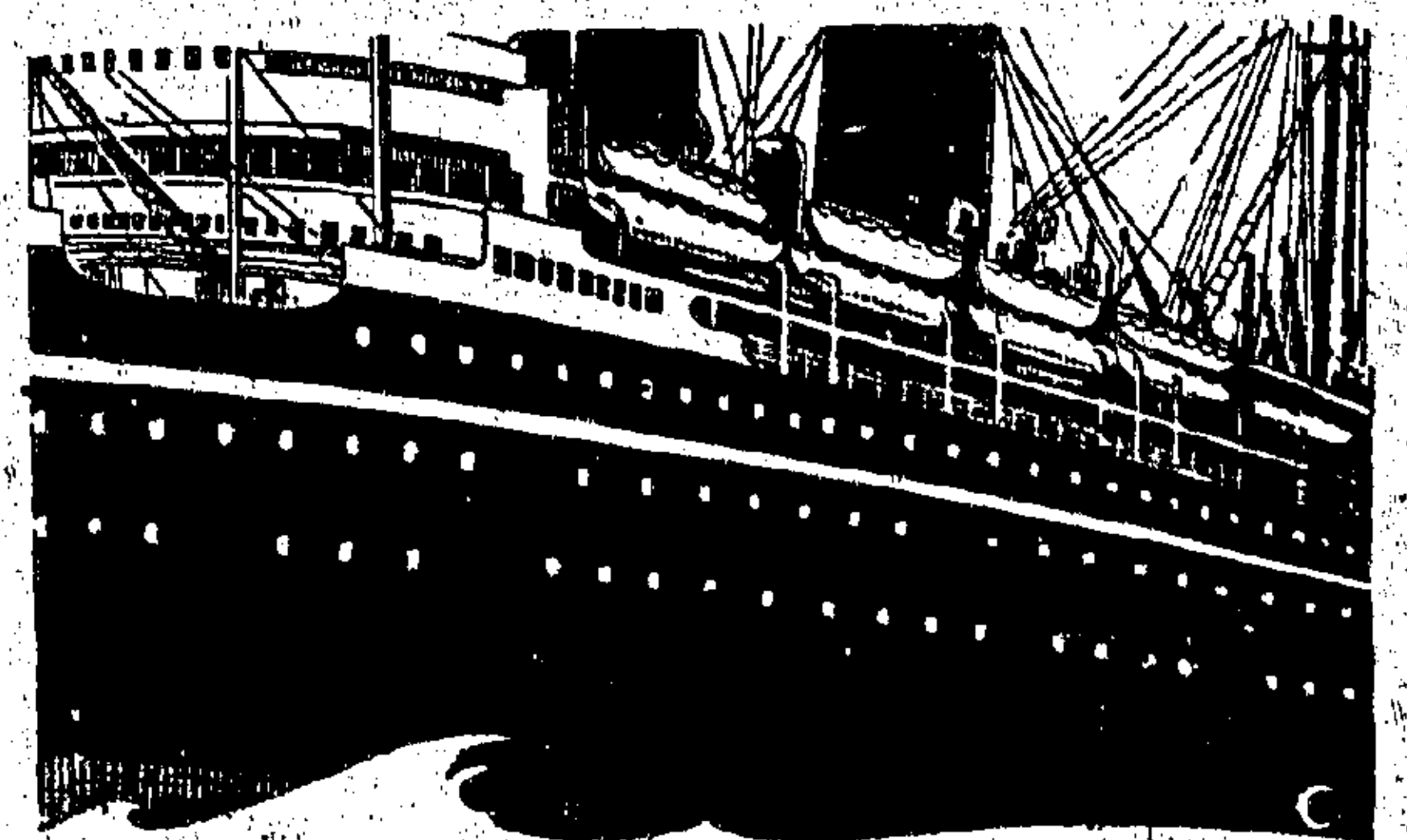
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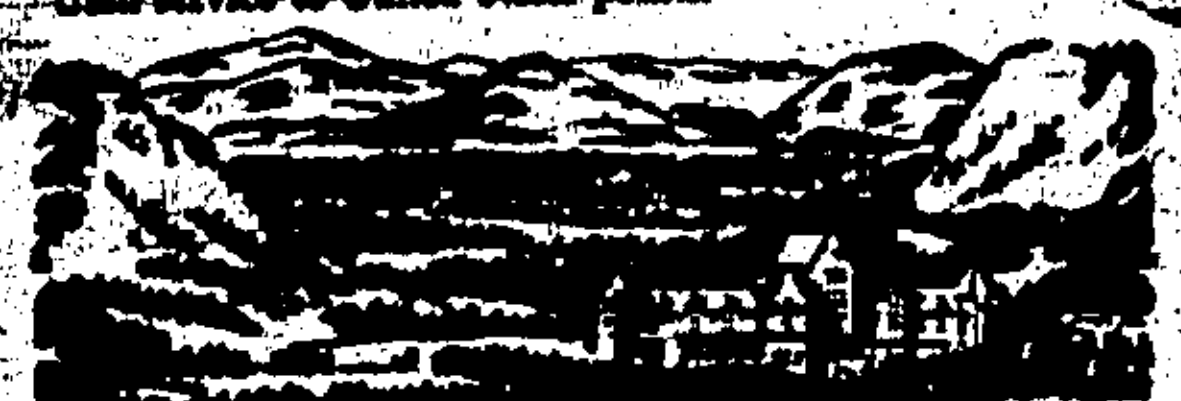
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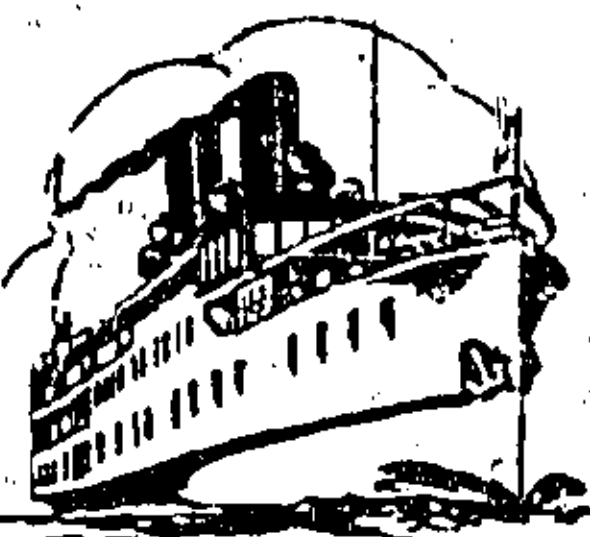
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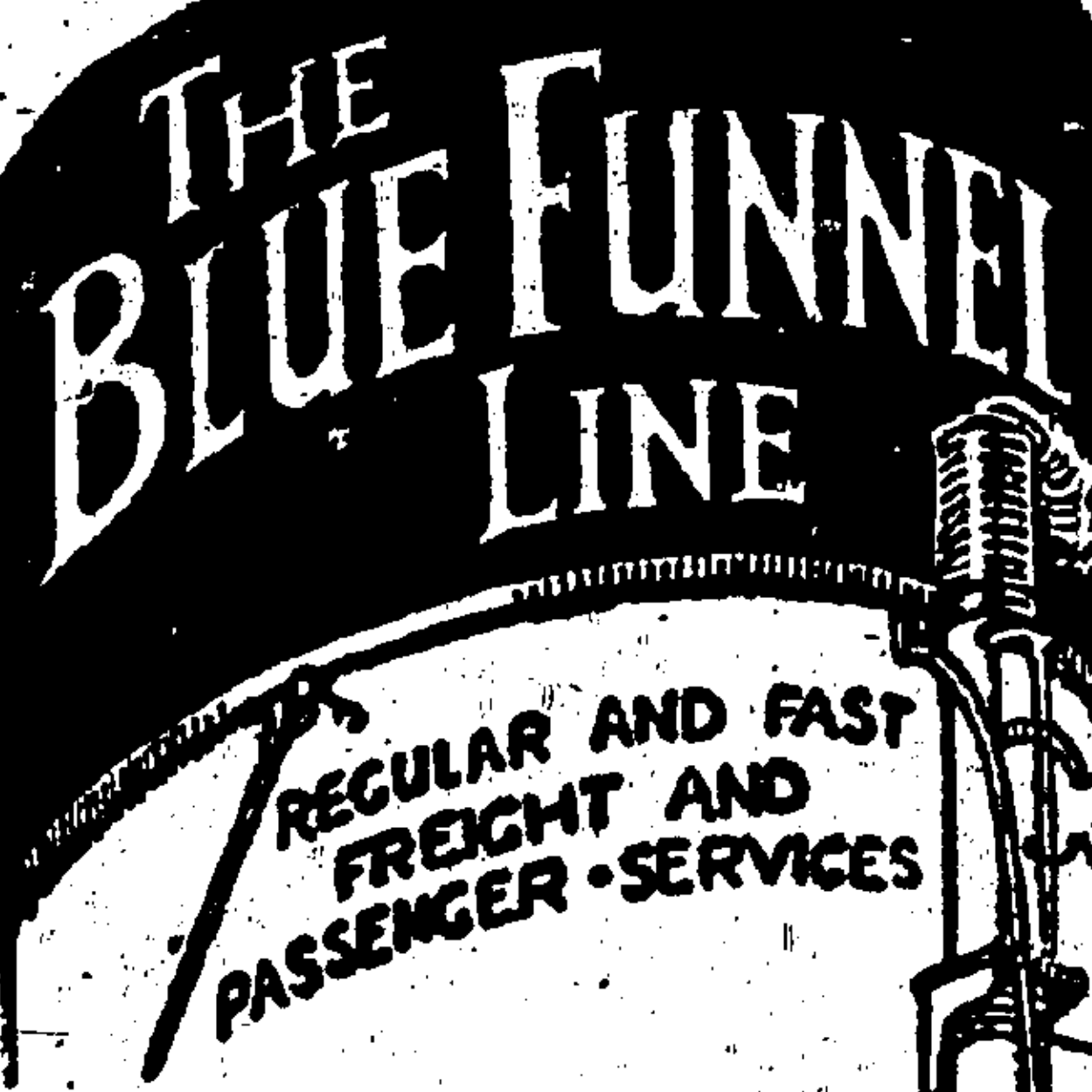
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Cheung Wing-choi, the Sing Tao goalkeeper, bringing off a clearance in the match against Eastern at Caroline Hill yesterday. Also in the picture are Chung Yung-sun, C. T. Tsao and Cheung Kam-hoi, of Eastern, and Hau Yung-sang and Soong Ling-sing, of Sing Tao. (Kings Studio).

## Yachting

### Wins For Gull, Ailsa On Saturday

The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club's 2nd Corinthian Series Championship sailed on Saturday resulted in a win for Gull (Capt. A. O. G. Mills) in the "A" Class and Ailsa (Lt. E. Hitchcott) in the Mixed Class.

Detailed results follow:—

#### "A" CLASS

Gull ..... Finished 16.55.45

(Capt. A. O. G. Mills)

Artemis ..... 16.59.39

(Mr. G. G. Wood)

True Blue ..... 17.00.55

(Mr. L. P. Ralph)

La Linda ..... 17.00.56

(Mr. C. C. Blake)

Maureen ..... 17.01.00

(Mr. D. Allen)

Joss ..... 17.01.02

(Major G. E. Neve)

Petrel ..... 17.02.32

(Mr. C. F. Hyde)

Kittiwake ..... 17.05.04

(Mr. A. V. Christensen)

Isobel ..... 17.05.38

(Capt. N. W. Benidge)

Koala ..... 17.08.51

(Mr. M. Johnson)

#### MIXED CLASS

Ailsa ..... Finished Corr. Pos. 1

(Lt. E. Hitchcott)

Wendy ..... 17.24.56 17.02.41 2

(Mr. H. W. Browne)

Owl ..... 17.28.09 17.03.34 3

(Mr. G. N. Eastgate)

Eryl ..... 17.22.47 17.07.12 4

(Lt. Col. J. C. L. Yale)

Robena ..... 17.24.12 17.03.37 5

(Lt. Comdr. G. H. Gandy)

Wedgwood ..... 17.25.11 17.09.38 6

(Major J. H. Brown)

Diana (Scratched).

WIN FOR EVOLINE

The first Corinthian Cruiser

Race of the Royal Hongkong Yacht

Club was sailed yesterday over a

course of 24 miles, and resulted as

follows:—

Finished Corr. Pos.

Evolute ..... 15.59.26 14.58.34 1

(Mr. R. J. Minnitt)

Sailong ..... 16.09.03 14.58.19 2

(Mr. A. M. Mack)

Donna ..... 15.22.17 15.08.10 3

(Capt. A. O. G. Mills)

Norena ..... 15.09.00 15.09.00 4

(Mr. C. F. C. M. Sedgwick)

Galavant ..... 15.48.44 15.22.13 5

(Mr. C. E. Charter, Jr.)

Typhoon ..... 17.32.20 15.51.13 6

(Mr. W. Campbell)

D.N.F.—Red Rover, Treenaur,

Curlew, Tyrone, D.Q.—Yehonals,

Torn, Isis.

REVOLVERS FOUND

IN SCHOOL DRAIN

While clearing a blocked drain

at the Diocesan Boys' School on

Saturday two Sanitary coolies dis-

covered three revolvers and 15

bullets under some sand. Exam-

ination of the firearms at the Po-

lice station later revealed that

they had been damaged beyond

repair.

MIND YOUR DOG!

Since the recent discovery in

Kowloon City of a rabid dog many

stray dogs have been shot by the

Police.

The man, who was bitten by the

dog, has now been discharged

from the Kowloon Hospital.

A number of dogs have been

sent to the Matakok Slaughter

House and Kennedy Town for

observation.

## UNSUNG HEROES:

### Work Of Merchant Service: Need For More Ships

A fine tribute to the unsung heroes of the merchant service was paid yesterday by LIEUT.-COMDR. THOMAS WOODRUFF, when he spoke in London of the ceaseless battle that is going on between German U-Boats and air attacks on convoys of merchant ships plying regularly to and from British ports.

"As this fight sways to and fro," said Comdr. Woodruff, "you don't get the news of it given to you in headlines across the pages of the newspaper, only a list of dull figures. When a ship is sunk, it is news; when it arrives safely in harbour, it is not. It is, therefore, hard to get a picture of what is being done by the Mercantile Marine on the sea."

#### MORE SHIPS NEEDED

The speaker said that what was important was the fact that Britain had just the same tonnage at her disposal as when the war started.

"We have done this by building ships in our own yards; we have done this by using the ships of Norway, Denmark and Holland. But we still need more ships."

"It must be remembered that in time of war our Mercantile Marine is not only used for carrying goods. We have to transfer men and equipment and the transport of 50,000 men is a big job. When they get to their destination they have to be fed and this again needs more ships. Troops have been sent everywhere and wherever you send troops you have got to supply them and that means yet more ships."

#### GREAT FLEETS

"At the same time we have to

keep up the flow of ships to and from the main bases in this island. This is done by convoy and great fleets have to be gathered at our posts."

#### ATTACK ON CONVOY

Comdr. Woodruff went on to describe the voyage of one convoy with which he sailed—how their sailing had to be postponed owing to fog and how when they eventually steamed off at six knots they were attacked by enemy planes, happily without suffering any damage as the raiders had soon been chased away by a squadron of Spitfires.

He stated that the voyage which in peace time would have taken 72 hours, took that convoy eight or nine days to complete.

"The merchant seaman finds himself facing many dangers," concluded the speaker. "But he keeps on and nothing can stop the stream of shipping from all over the world which converges on this island. They are the unsung heroes, whose heroism is never heard of."

JAVELIN SAVED

BY SPITFIRES

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—The

part played by Spitfires in saving

H.M.S. Javelin which was hit by a

German torpedo in a long range

naval action has now been described

by the pilots.

Lord Louis Mountbatten, the

King's cousin, was on board the

Javelin throughout the action, in

command of the British flotilla.

After German destroyers made

off under cover of darkness and

smoke screens, German raiders at-

tempted to bomb the disabled Ja-

velin. But Spitfires came on the

scene.

One Spitfire pilot attacked a

Junkers 88 which was attempting

to divebomb attack, and when

last seen the Junkers was on fire

in mid-air with bits of fuselage

breaking off.

Another pilot chased a Dornier

which was seeking cover in the

cloud, but after three bursts of

fire from the Spitfire the Dornier

crashed in flames.

The third German plane was also

shot down after a chase among the

clouds, while a fourth was badly

damaged.

The clouds prevented the Spit-

fire pilot from seeing the result of

his attack but he did observe one

burst of his fire entering the body

of the enemy aircraft.

## JAPS. CONTINUE

BLOCKADE OF S'HAU

WESTERN DISTRICT

SHANGHAI, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—

While the situation continued to

remain quiet in the blockade

zone in the Japanese-occupied

sector in the western district of

this city yesterday the area en-

tered its sixth day of blockade

following the shooting of a Ja-

pinese gendarme by Chinese gun-

men.

Officials of Settlement bus and

tram companies are awaiting ac-

tion on the part of the Council to

preserve their rights of franchise

in the area which was infringed

upon earlier this week with the

appearance of a Japanese-owned

bus.

According to Mr. Wayashi, ac-

ting spokesman of the Japanese

Embassy here, operation of Ja-

pinese-owned buses in the western

area was "only a temporary mea-

sure to meet the needs of those

living in that area."

Meanwhile, Japanese gendarmes

yesterday were still searching

Chinese homes in the blockade

zone along Edinburgh Road, ex-

pecting to uncover a terrorist

nest.

At the same time no official

indication could be obtained yes-

terday regarding a likely date for

the lifting of barricades and other

restrictions imposed in the area

by the Japanese authorities.

## FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, MONDAY, 9th DECEMBER, 1940, 9.30 A.M.

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Java and Manila .....	13th Dec.
Swatow .....	14th Dec.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai — (San Francisco date, 22nd November) .....	14th Dec.
U. S. A. Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai — (San Francisco date, 18th November) .....	16th Dec.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan, and Shanghai — (Vancouver B.C. date, 27th November) .....	18th Dec.
London and Straits .....	18th Dec.
Canton .....	17th Dec.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 11th December .....	18th Dec.
Calcutta and Straits .....	18th Dec.
Sandakan .....	21st Dec.
Australia and Manila .....	24th Dec.
U.S.A. Honolulu, and Manila. (San Francisco date, 3rd December) .....	26th Dec.
Calcutta and Straits .....	27th Dec.
London and Straits .....	31st Dec.

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<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Tue. 10th</b>
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	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
	<b>G.P.O.</b>
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Straits .....	Ord. 5.30 PM
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Wed. 11th</b>
	<b>K.P.O.</b>
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
	<b>G.P.O.</b>
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	Ord. 7.00 PM
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Thu. 12th</b>
Canton .....	7.15 AM
Sandakan .....	8.30 AM
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	Reg. 10.00 AM
	Ord. 10.30 AM
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Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways" .....	Reg. 10.00 AM
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